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## MWC Students Find Runaway, Bean-Hating Boy

By Beth McConnell  
Bulletin News Editor

Six-year-old Bobby Jones really doesn't like green beans. But thanks to two Mary Washington students, he is still alive to find some other vegetables he does like.

Wearing only a T-shirt, pajama bottoms, Red Power Ranger slippers and a backpack, Bobby stood shivering in the 30 degree weather on the side of Fall Hill Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 a.m. When the college students found Bobby, he asked them to take him to his grandma's house.

"He was freezing, almost frostbite, I'd say. He was scared," said Timothy McKenzie, who picked Bobby up.

McKenzie, a sophomore, and Becky Novak, a junior, said that when they picked Bobby up, they asked him why he was running away.

"He said he was running away

because his dad made him eat green beans," said McKenzie.

McKenzie said he and Novak stopped, along with two other cars, on Fall Hill Avenue that night because one car had narrowly missed hitting Bobby.

"The car swerved and just missed hitting him. That street is not lit at all. And that's how we saw him. We had stopped beside him, so we said we would take him," said McKenzie.

McKenzie and Novak let Bobby in their car and tried to take him to Linda Viperman, his grandfather. "We drove around for half an hour, but it was pretty clear he didn't know where it [Viperman's house] was," said McKenzie.

McKenzie and Novak finally found a police officer, J.C. Cox, on Caroline Street. Cox took Bobby to the Fredericksburg City Police Department. There, officers were able to contact Patricia and Dean Mohr,

his mother and father, because the mother had written Bobby's home address on his backpack before he went back to school this September.

McKenzie said he and Novak picked Bobby up near the canal, which, according to Cox, is about 200 yards from the family's apartment in the Forest Village complex. Bobby and his little brother, four-year-old Devon, had plotted to run away that night, according to Patricia Mohr. But when Bobby woke up that night, Devon said he was "too tired" and didn't want to go.

"This is something no parent in his right mind would expect to happen," said Mohr.

Mohr said the rest of the family were all in bed asleep. Bobby got up and put on some sweat pants. Then he put his toy firetruck in front of the [front] door, climbed up and unlocked both the chain lock and the deadbolt. Mohr said he then went

outside and shut the door quietly so he wouldn't wake anyone up.

"We now have a chain lock at the very top of the door, about six feet high," said Mohr.

Mohr said that when Cox called her, she thought it was a joke.

"He called and said, 'We've got something that belongs to you.' And I thought it was a joke, I mean at 3 in the morning. I said, 'What,' and he said, 'Your son.'"



Photo courtesy of Patricia Mohr

**Bobby Jones relaxes at home, safe from the threat of vegetables**

and I saw that he didn't have a jacket," said Mohr.

Cox said that while he and Bobby

I went and checked his room. It took me about five minutes to get to the police station," said Mohr.

When Mohr checked to make sure Bobby really wasn't there, she saw that his jacket was still in his room.

"What scared me the most was that I heard on the TV [at 3 a.m.] that it was 30 degrees,

waited for Mohr to pick him up, they talked about school and the importance of knowing how to use 911. Bobby even got a tour of the city's 911 switchboard office after his mother arrived.

"It was a serious thing, but it turned out O.K.," said Cox.

Mohr said Bobby may not have thought that he could have been hurt, kidnapped or even killed.

"I picked him up at the police station and just looked at him and he looked at me like, 'Am I in trouble?'" said Mohr.

Viperman, who works at the college's Document Center, said the students deserve recognition.

"If it hadn't been for them, he probably would have died, from exposure or getting picked up, whatever. A lot of times kids from the college get a hard time [from the town] and I want people to know they really did do a good deed."

## James Farmer Tribute Denied Funding by College

By Carl Poole  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College President William Anderson has put a proposed tribute for civil rights leader James Farmer on hold. Black faculty and staff who began work on the project last spring are left wondering if the tribute, which would have raised funds for the James Farmer Scholars program, will happen at all.

Ron Singleton, director of college relations, says that the members of the ad hoc committee that planned the tribute were acting on their own, however, and that the tribute was "never accepted or endorsed by the college."

At least one of the ad hoc committee members disagrees.

"One thing I do remember being said is that if we got an outside sponsor, the event could be held at the college and \$10,000 [for the celebration] designated from the Foundation," said Demeane McLaurine, then-director of development research and college advancement at the MWC Foundation.

Farmer, a distinguished professor of history and American studies—and one of the Big Four civil rights leaders from the early 1960s—has been ill for some time.

McLaurine, along with David



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

**James Farmer lectures to his Tuesday afternoon class in Lee Hall. Farmer underwent surgery in the past year.**

White, assistant dean of admissions, Venita McCall, associate professor of education and Fran Staunton, president of Staunton Transportation and Logistics in Annandale, Va., formed their ad hoc committee to plan the celebration after they visited Farmer last March at John Hopkins Medical Center, where he had recently undergone amputation surgery on his leg.

"After seeing Farmer in the hospital, we started on a project to present to Dr. Anderson," said Staunton, who served as chair of the ad hoc committee.

never go off next semester," said Staunton, who added that she hasn't heard anything from the president since September about the tribute.

McLaurine, meanwhile, said she resigned from the committee in July, and has since left the MWC Foundation.

"I resigned from the committee when it became clear that the college did not want to sponsor the event," she said. "Let's just say that the James Farmer incident, coupled with some other things, weighed heavily on my decision to leave [MWC]."

Others on the committee also expressed their disappointment. White, who is willing to continue working to plan the tribute if the college eventually decides to sponsor it, said that for this year it is "a missed opportunity."

"My biggest disappointment stems from the lack of commitment for the overwhelmingly positive program that the James Farmer celebration would have been," he said. "It was just the right thing to do."

The committee had planned to invite more than 200 nationally known entertainers, corporate CEOs, and political and civic leaders to help create a \$75,000 endowment to fund the Farmer Scholars Program, which

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## Student Accused of Rape Gets Harassing Phone Calls

By Stephanie Weidel  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Since his arrest on Oct. 17 on charges of rape, Anthony Trus says that he has received death threats and harassing phone calls.

Trus first received threats related to the incident almost immediately after it allegedly occurred. Someone Trus knows, but would not name, told some of Trus's friends to tell him that the person was going to kill or rape him, according to Trus.

"I didn't really think about the first [threats]. I was too wrapped up in the case to think about it," Trus said.

Several weeks after the first threats, Trus received death threats in the form of two separate voice mail messages.

Trus was out of town for the weekend that they were received, but his roommate alerted his resident assistant. The incident was reported to his area coordinator, and then to the campus police. Trus asked that the calls be traced so that charges could be brought against whoever was responsible for them, but he has not heard from the police since.

"What worried me most about the two phone messages I received was the amount of time that had elapsed. It was disturbing. One would have thought the superficial threats would have ended. Possibly it's someone she [the alleged victim] knows and is serious, or just someone who saw it in the paper and just called," Trus said. The phone messages and the Bulletin article occurred almost simultaneously.

"I have complete faith in myself and in God, but still nothing is certain. I don't like this waiting. You're not in control of your own destiny," Trus said.

Campus police arrested Trus on Oct. 17 in connection with a third party report of sexual assault which the police received Oct. 5. The case goes to pretrial hearings on Dec. 5.

Trus said that friends and acquaintances were very supportive, even though they don't know the

facts of the case.

"But I don't really agree with that either. They don't know who a rapist is, what one looks like," he said. "I don't want guys to believe me just because I'm another guy. Believe me because you know me and that you know I'm a good person."

Zack Ward, Trus's RA, said that he doesn't perceive much tension on the hall.

"My general opinion is that most people support him. No one really came to me and said otherwise. People are not trying to take sides; they're waiting to let the courts decide," Ward said.

John Gilham, a student and mutual friend of both Trus and the alleged victim, has spoken to both parties, and agrees that no one should decide if Trus is guilty or innocent until the case is settled in court.

"I feel that in this time of increasing awareness and social

*"I only hope that truth is brought to light, whoever it hurts."*

-John Gilham, friend of alleged victim

consciousness we are becoming more inclined to immediately believe the woman who claims to have been raped, and I pray that we are becoming just this way. I wish I could see what's in both of their heads to be sure, but I can't. I only hope that truth is brought to light, whoever it hurts," Gilham said in a written statement.

"I also hope that people will reserve their judgment," Gilham said, "believe me, the facts in this case are not at all clear, and no one should be looked upon with condemnation at this moment."

According to Dean of Students Joanne Beck, the college implements behavioral guidelines to help the alleged victim and alleged perpetrator to feel as comfortable as possible, even though they are both on campus. Beck is unable to comment on specific cases, but she spoke generally of these situations.

"We talk to the alleged victim and find out what it is that would make the alleged victim feel comfortable living on campus. This is their home. You want them to feel comfortable in their home."

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## MWC Students Support Senator's Successful Campaign

By Beth McConnell  
Bulletin News Editor

Democrat Ed Houck was reelected last week in the 17th District, which includes Fredericksburg, winning his fourth term in the General Assembly. A major reason for remaining in the Virginia Senate was his stance on public education issues, according to his reelection campaign manager, Craig Beiber.

"Senator Houck feels strongly that the best way to provide promising future for Virginia is to invest in the education of its youth," said Beiber. "The state especially needs to increase its investment in higher education."

More than 40 MWC students volunteered for Houck's reelection campaign, including members of the Young Democrats and the Legislative Action Committee's Campaign Placement Initiative.

"We are extremely grateful of all the MWC support," said Beiber.

"Throughout the campaign a bipartisan group of students came together on this [pro-education] issue."

In late September, Houck first introduced himself to many MWC students during a reception at the Pizza Hut off of College Avenue. There he explained his stance on higher education and presented the terms and issues concerning the Virginia Higher Education Council pledge, according to senior Kacey Longava, president of the Young Democrats.

According to Beiber, Houck demonstrated this commitment through supporting the goals of the non-partisan Virginia Business-Higher Education Council, a group composed of business leaders and college presidents working together to support state schools. All of the General Assembly candidates were encouraged to sign the Council's Statement of Support, which will ultimately lead to pumping \$250 million in state funds into higher

education. Houck signed the pledge while his defeated opponent, Republican Russ Moulton, did not.

Houck also encouraged the students to become involved with his reelection campaign, and Longava believes much of the strong student promotion can be attributed to the pro-education stance.

"I was thrilled at the number of students who became involved in this political campaign, and pleased how the higher education issues brought people out of the woodwork," said Longava.

Freshman volunteer Heather Clendenin said the majority of the 40 student volunteers were also members of the Young Democrats, and supported Houck in party loyalty. However, interest in higher education was the ultimate reason for the higher level of campaign volunteering.

"Houck's pro-education stance was the main thrust for student involvement," said Clendenin.

The Legislative Action Committee, a non-partisan student

group dedicated to increasing student interest in political elections, promoted the Campaign Placement Initiative which encouraged volunteering for candidates who signed the Council pledge. Although around 20 students expressed interest in signing up for the program, the number dwindled down to seven students who volunteered in Houck's campaign, according to committee president Jen Crowley.

These volunteers also helped out in the community's higher education poster campaign which placed signs around the community that encouraged pro-education voting.

"Our top priority is not only to promote voting participation, but to increase awareness of important issues," said Crowley.

According to Longava, student volunteers for the Houck reelection helped out in organizing fund-raisers, phoning registered voters, and

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# MWC: Where All the Children are Above Average

By Bridget Malone  
Bulletin Staff Writer

More Mary Washington students make B's than C's, according to college reports, even though a C is considered an average grade. The grade point average for the college is a 2.9.

Professors say that these Mary Washington averages can be attributed to grade inflation, a tendency for professors to give higher grades for less work, thus reducing the overall quality of the college.

Grade inflation is something everyone in the (history) department is aware of. "We can't solve it, but we can manage it," said Porter Blakemore, chair of the history and american studies department. "You're caught between the students who want all A's and [professors] trying to be fair. Try to tell my students if they're going to be competent work they'll get a C."

Between Spring 1993 and Spring 1995, years for which this data is available, GPAs have been on the rise, even in disciplines with high GPAs. For Spring 1995 international affairs students earned the highest overall GPA, a 3.8 overall. Second, with a 3.79, was the music performance classes, up from a 3.75 in Spring 1993. The education department rounded out the top three with an overall GPA of 3.56, up from a 3.3 in Spring 1993.

Students, however, did not see grade inflation as a prevalent part of MWC. Some students even feel that they consistently receive the same grade all the time once a professor makes a decision about their academic competence.

"I don't think there's grade inflation. I think students are classified in a certain category and it is difficult to break out of that category," said Jennifer Rees, a junior history major.

Ironically, for some grade inflation occurred more frequently in high school than in college.

"I think the grading is hard here. There was a lot of grade inflation at my high school. All you needed to do was ask for a grade and they'd give it to you," said Stacey Dowd, a junior environmental and religion major. "I know I've earned the grades I've gotten."

The administration is aware of grade inflation, but does not regard it as a problem.

There's not much difference in grades going back to the 70's. There's a slight drift up, but less than you'd

expect. It's mainly due to the increasing caliber of students," said Provost Philip Hall.

The other part of the problem could rest on the faculty. "Sometimes it can be an adjunct teaching for the first time and [he is] not used to the quality of students at MWC," said Blakemore. "Whenever I bring it to the attention of the adjunct it is taken care of. Sometimes the problem is already being addressed already."

Students, however, do not find fault with the faculty. Junior psychology major, Jenn Wood said, "I don't think professors are giving easier exams. People are taking more time to complete college. They take less classes per semester and therefore they have more time to devote to each class."

Grade inflation is not a problem in all departments. In fact the overall GPA for some disciplines have declined. For Spring 1995 the lowest overall GPA's came from the mathematics, Spanish, and French departments. For mathematics, the overall GPA fell from 2.64 in Spring 1993 to 2.55 in Spring 1995. The average GPA also fell in French from 2.3 in Spring 1993 to 2.54 in Spring 1995. A 2.42 GPA in the Spanish department is also lower than the 2.56 in Spring 1993.

One main variable for grade distribution is the overall size of the discipline. With larger disciplines, the grade point average tends to be more in the mid-range. The overall GPA for the 1561 English students was 3.04. In the history department, the 1234 students earned an average GPA of 2.93. Of psychology the 1166 students received a mean GPA of 2.83.

The distribution of students registered in upper level as opposed to lower level courses also affects the overall distribution of grades, said Debra Hydorn, assistant professor of mathematics.

In a department such as dramatic arts, the grades are significantly higher in the lower level classes than in the upper level. Although dramatic arts has 36.8 percent of the students receiving A's, 65 of the 114 A's were given to the 214 lower level students. Only 49 of the 89 upper level students received A's.

Some departments, such as mathematics, attempt to give equal percentages of A's to upper and lower level students. There are 106 students who took lower level mathematics courses last semester. Of them, 130 earned A's. In the upper level classes 31 of the 162 students received an A.

## Who's Making The Grade?

Course	# Students	% Grades						Course	# Students	% Grades					
		A	B	C	D	F				A	B	C	D	F	
American Studies	79	20	68	10	0	1		Historic Preserv.	295	24	52	21	1	1	
Anthropology	169	22	53	23	1	1		History	1153	26	47	24	3	1	
Art - History	258	43	40	16	2	0		Inter. Disc. Stud.	78	28	60	9	1	1	
Art - Studio	187	50	41	8	1	1		International Affairs	5	80	20	0	0	0	
Biology	827	20	39	33	7	2		Italian	49	39	29	29	2	2	
BLS	4	0	0	0	0	100		Latin	39	26	36	28	5	8	
Business Admin.	820	27	46	23	3	1		Linguistics	127	19	47	19	9	6	
Chemistry	354	17	37	32	11	2		Mathematics	746	19	35	32	9	5	
Classics	204	45	42	11	1	1		Music His. & Lit.	219	28	41	22	6	3	
Computer Science	277	25	33	26	13	4		Music Performance	332	84	13	2	0	1	
Dance	132	55	42	2	0	1		Music Theory	72	32	31	19	17	1	
Dramatic Arts	405	40	47	11	1	1		Philosophy	235	30	43	19	6	3	
Economics	450	13	43	35	6	2		Physical Ed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Education	317	48	47	4	0	0		Physics	165	21	45	24	8	2	
Environmental Sci.	74	38	45	18	0	0		Political Science	600	35	34	26	4	2	
English	1496	30	48	17	2	1		Psychology	1066	24	43	28	4	1	
French	148	14	45	26	9	5		Religion	358	28	39	27	5	2	
Geography	686	21	42	30	6	2		Russian	38	18	53	21	8	0	
Geology	284	20	42	27	10	1		Sociology	459	21	49	25	2	2	
German	56	23	34	38	5	0		Spanish	248	15	35	33	13	4	
Greek	14	36	29	14	21	0		Speech	51	18	57	24	2	0	
Health Education	135	39	45	10	4	1		College Total:	13700	28	42	23	5	2	

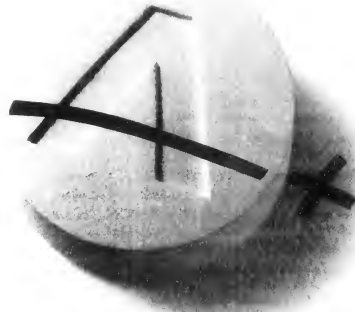
All percentages have been rounded off to the nearest whole number.

All numbers were taken from the Spring 1995 Undergraduate Grade Distribution Report.

Reading the chart: these percentages are based on the number of students who took a class for a grade. Pass/fail classes are not included. For example, according to the report, only four students in the BLS discipline took a class for credit; all the classes were failed. Therefore, there were 100 percent F's in the BLS discipline. Students who take more than one class in each discipline are counted for each class they take.



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# POLICE BEAT

By Jeremy Cline  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## Alcohol

•On Nov. 8 Dawn Slote, a non-student of Stafford, was charged with underage possession near Hanover Street.

•On Nov. 12 Robert Bedell, a non-student of Spotsylvania, was charged with driving under the influence (DUI), possession of marijuana and failure to obey a traffic light.

•On Nov. 12 Louis Rabnam, a non-student of Spotsylvania, was charged with DUI near the Fredericksburg Shopping Center.

•On Nov. 14 Robin Solat, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with DUI. Dennis Armstrong, a passenger in the vehicle, was charged with drunk in public.

## Larceny

•On Nov. 8 a bookbag, valued at \$70, was stolen from a vehicle on College Avenue.

•On Nov. 9 a vehicle at the Battleground was broken into and \$15 worth of items were stolen.

•On Nov. 10 a vehicle at the

Battleground was broken into. The perpetrators got into the car by cutting the vehicles soft top and stole \$630 worth of items. The damage to the automobile was estimated at \$700.

•On Nov. 10 several items, worth \$550, were stolen from Russell Hall. Among the missing were a T.V., a phone, and a mattress.

•On Nov. 13 a bike, valued at \$350, was stolen from Bushnell Hall.

## Injury/Illness

•On Nov. 8 an employee in Seacobeck was injured after slipping on the wet floor. The individual was transported to the emergency room.

•On Nov. 10 a student was injured near the fountain. The individual saw a black and white spotted cat that he apparently thought would be friendly. The cat bit the student and is still at large.

•On Nov. 12 a student in Alvey Hall was having problems with vomiting and diarrhea that was apparently "not under control". The individual was taken to the health center.

## Misc.

•On Nov. 8 an area coordinator turned over to campus police brass knuckles that had been confiscated from a

student.

•On Nov. 9 a student was playing solitaire on their computer in Alvey Hall. An E-mail message flashed across the screen, which read, "Whoever's on this computer, eat a dick."

•On Nov. 11 there was a fire alarm in Bushnell Hall due to a fire extinguisher being discharged.

•On Nov. 11 there was a fire alarm in Russell Hall due to burnt food.

•On Nov. 12 a radiator broke in Marie House and flooded two rooms. The physical plant responded to the call.

•On Nov. 13 campus police pulled over a car for speeding. When police asked for identification, he sped off. Campus police chased the vehicle at speeds exceeding 70 mph. The driver crashed into a telephone pole and escaped on foot. The car turned out to be stolen. The incident is still under investigation.

•On Nov. 14 a vehicle window in the Sunken Road lot was broken. The damage was estimated at \$100.

# SENATE BEAT

By Carl Poole  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Handbook Revision Committee Chairs Michael Dugan and Brenna Wolf presented a proposal to create a judicial appeals system to Senate Wednesday, Nov. 15.

After allowing the Judicial Review Board to look over the proposal, a motion will be made to make the proposal an amendment to the Student Government Association Constitution at the next senate meeting on Nov. 30, according to Dugan.

The proposal calls for students accused of judicial violations to have the right to a second appeal trial if they are tried once and found guilty by the Judicial Review

Board. It also asks that students who plead guilty be able to appeal their sanctions if they feel the sanction is too harsh. The proposal also states that all sanctions given by the Judicial Review Board be postponed until all appeals are completed.

Judicial Review Board Chair Rebecca Manners said the logistics of the appeal systems would be difficult, but she approves of anything that would "benefit the student body and the board."

Dugan and Wolf asked Senators to go back to their residence halls to get students' views. However, Dugan added that whether the Judicial Review Board agrees with the proposal or not, Senate can make it an amendment to the SGA constitution for students to vote on

this spring.

Annelynn Tapscott, SGA vice president, announced to Senate that SGA, in conjunction with the Free Press, is sponsoring a textbook exchange program in an effort "bypass the bookstore" and sell used books directly to student. Names of students and the textbooks they wish to sell will be printed in the January issue of the Free Press free of charge.

Alanna Weaver, an Alvey Hall Senator, made Wednesday's only two new motions. The first motion proposed that Senators be allowed to vote at Hall Council meetings. It passed. The second motion asked for improved lighting on the stairway up to Seacobeck Dining Hall. It also passed.

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handed out flyers throughout the campaign.

"Around 14 dedicated students also went out into the bad weather on election day, and promoted Edd Houck at the polls," said Longava.

Students were especially interested in supporting Houck because of his promise to work with the Virginia Business-Higher Education Council. Mary Washington College is a highly-involved member of the Council, which is composed of 37 Virginia business leaders and the presidents of Virginia's public colleges and universities, according to Ron Singleton, director of public relations at MWC.

"The Council was organized three

years ago to critically study the necessary level of funding needed to adequately support higher education," he said. "It was determined that increases in state funding were imperative for the future of higher education, and for a wiser use of funding, Virginia needs to tighten its belt."

The Council's pledge states that if elected the candidate is committed to improving the affordability of higher education mainly through voting for significant increases in state funding for each year of the 1996-98 term.

"Those who signed the pledge will be responsible to help generate \$250 million of [higher education] funding over the next two years, and Houck

feels the current low amount of state funding for higher education demands this amount of responsibility," said Beiber.

The revenues of any Virginia public college or university are generated from two main sources, the state and the students who attend the school. The Institutional Self-Study of Mary Washington College shows that in the early 80's, state funding contributed to approximately 65 percent of the college's total revenue. Two years later, state funding dropped to less than half of the college's total revenue. For the 1994-95 academic year, the state funded only 48.1 percent of the revenue for Mary Washington College.

# News Briefs

## Campus and Student Activities

•The SGA is currently looking for applicants for the position of Commuting Student President. Applications can be found at the Information Desk in the Woodward Campus Center and are due, completed, to the SGA office by 5 p.m. November 21. For more information please contact Heather Jacobs at the SGA office at 654-1150.

•On Friday November 17, a lecture entitled "The Chemist as Detective in Examining Art and Artifacts", will be held by Mary Virginia Orna, professor of chemistry at the College of Rochelle. The lecture will be held in Combs Hall, room 100 at 8:15 p.m. Admission is free.

•On Saturday November 18, the Stratford Hall Plantation will hold its third annual "Family Day" to celebrate 18th century plantation life. Activities for people of all ages will be held throughout the day. For more information please call (804) 493-8038.

•On Saturday November 18, African American high school students and their families will visit the MWC campus in honor of the sixth annual "Visions: The African American Experience" program. This program is designed to introduce minority students with Mary Washington College. For more information regarding this event please call (540) 654-2000.

•On Monday November 20 Mary Washington College will hold an information session on the BLS or Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program. This session will be held in room 104 of the Northern Virginia Community College, Woodbridge Campus. For more information regarding this or the BLS program, contact the MWC's center for Graduate and Continuing Education.

•From Monday November 27 through November 30 interested students will be able to make quilt panels in the Campus Center in honor of World Aids Day. Students and faculty will be able to make the panels from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•On Monday November 27, the MWC Film and Lecture series will

be holding a film screening on "Forrest Gump" in Chandler Hall, room 102 at 7 p.m.

•On Wednesday November 29 a lecture entitled "Masks in Performance" will be given by Gregg Stull, assistant professor of theatre at MWC. It will be held in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. In this exhibition there are 22 ritual masks from various cultures in Africa. Ridderhof Martin Gallery is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and weekends from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m..

•On Wednesday November 29 the MWC Film and Lecture Series will be holding a film screening on "Forrest Gump" in Trinkle Hall, room 204 at 8 p.m.

•On Thursday November 30 there will be a general interest meeting for all students concerning Alternative Spring Break. The meeting will be held in Meeting Room 2 of the Campus Center at 6 p.m.

•On Friday December 1, in honor of World AIDS Day, the previously make quilt panels will be joined together. Following the joining there will a World AIDS Day community program at St. George's Episcopal Church on Princess Anne and George Streets at 6:30 p.m.

## A Call For Papers

•Members of Mary Washington College are invited to submit papers based on race, class or gender for consideration and possible publication in the Spring 1996 edition of "Working Papers". Please forward your work on a 3.5" computer disk, along with three printed copies, to Judith Parker, B.K. Faunce or Teddesse Adera, care of the Department of English, Linguistics and Speech. The deadline for submissions is February 8, 1996. For further information please contact the editors before the end of the semester at extensions 1537, 1544, 1539.

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For a while, those who know him found the controversy surrounding him humorous. We would joke that he is a hate monger and a bigot because we thought it was funny. It was such a ludicrous idea that we would laugh to ourselves how ineffective a racist Derek would be because he'd be too concerned about hurting someone's feelings. The idea of Derek hating any individual much less any group of individuals, was ridiculous.

Now that joke isn't funny anymore. Some who

By Cris Gardner, Susan Peterson  
and Kelly Regan  
Guest Columnists

On Nov. 1 at Dinesh D'Souza's lecture, Derek Botcher asked an angry audience in Lee Hall to remain open-minded and to listen to D'Souza's views: a plea which by its very nature contradicts D'Souza's rejection of affirmative action.

Botcher explained that the reason D'Souza was asked to speak was to balance the typical pro-affirmative action views on campus. He said, "It (sic) easier to find someone to speak for affirmative action than to speak against it." According to Botcher then, by virtue of his exclusion from the majority viewpoint, D'Souza should be included in the debate (putting aside for the moment whether or not he truly does represent a minority viewpoint). In short, D'Souza's position should be heard because it is typically under-represented.

Ironically, this argument exactly parallels ones used by those of us support affirmative action. We agree that it is important to make every effort to include those who are under-represented. Given the exclusion of persons of color and women from dominant institutions, such as universities, affirmative action policies intend to ensure that they

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## Ecology Club Does More Than Study Plants

By Bobby Courtange  
Guest Columnist

When I was first introduced to the Ecology Club, I was under the impression that the club was about studying plants, animals, and their ecosystems. I have found that many MWC students have had the same

impression. The definition of ecology, in fact, is the study of the way organisms relate to their environment. This is not, however, what the Ecology Club is about. So I guess the title of the group is a misnomer. The Ecology Club in fact is a group of student environmentalists, interested in protecting the environment from present and future generations.

The Ecology Club has participated in several events during the semester. In September, the group participated in two river clean-ups. The first was the clean-up on the Rappahannock River, where members of the Ecology Club worked to remove various forms of litter in cooperation with "Friends of the Rappahannock" (a local environmental group). The second river clean-up was done on the Potomac River, with the cooperation of the group "Arlingtonians for a Cleaner Environment".

In October, the Ecology Club was rejuvenated with new enthusiasm after attending the SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) National Conference in Chapel Hill, NC. At the conference club members attended various workshops, panels, and speeches concerning environmental and social issues in today's society. Those who attended, including myself, were shown the importance of grassroots organizations,

and the political influence they can gain.

On the fourth of November, several Eco Club members attended a workshop in Washington, D.C., on environmental lobbying hosted by the Sierra Club. We were taught various techniques on effective lobbying. Our newly acquired skills were then put to work the next Thursday when we lobbied for Utah Wilderness on Capitol Hill. Eco Club members met with their respective representatives or Senators to voice our disapproval of S. 884 and H.R. 1745 as concerned constituents. Utah Wilderness has become a mainstream issue after the release of an article in USA Weekend depicting the stand-off between Senator Hatch, the S. 884 promoter, and Robert Redford, the person now taking the side of the Southern Utah Wilderness Coalition. Check out the article if you haven't already. It was in papers last week all over the USA.

The Ecology Club is also involved in recreational outings as well. On October 28, the club went hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Various other outings such as camping trips, additional hiking trips, and possibly ski trips are to be planned for next semester. The Eco Club will also be invited speakers from several groups to come the MWC. There may even be a speaker coming yet this semester.

The Ecology Club will also be attending the SEAC State Conference in late January. For further information on Ecology Club future events, or for general information about Ecology Club President Catherine Estes at 654-3891, or myself at 654-3553.

Bobby Courtange is a sophomore intended environmental science major and a member of the MWC Ecology Club.

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## Letters

### Professor Apologizes For 'Stepping Over The Line'

Many at the Nov. 1 speech by Dinesh D'Souza were deeply disturbed by the speaker's racial extremism and by his insulting remarks concerning Professor James Farmer. I was one of them. Unlike those others, however, I managed to step over the line of civility in my attempt to address the speaker, first by engaging in a 30-second tug-of-war for the microphone with the moderator, then, after the speech, by cursing loudly at a student during a heated exchange.

I regret an embarrassed by these actions, and would like to extend my apologies to the students involved and to the rest of the college community.

We are indeed committed at Mary Washington to several essential values and expectations: the recognition of each individual's right to freedom of speech and open intellectual inquiry in pursuit of the

truth; the treatment of individuals with civility, dignity, and respect; the fostering of an atmosphere of trust and confidence, devoid of connotations of inferiority and superiority; and the understanding, appreciation, and acceptance of many diverse cultures.

I offer my apology as well for having failed to uphold these values and expectations.

Stephen H. Watkins  
Assistant Professor of English  
**Cross-Country Teams Deserve Recognition**

Every time I pick up a copy of the Bulletin, I wonder if the Sports Editors are aware that MWC actually has cross-country teams. I suppose watching a bunch of sweaty bodies, apparently doing nothing more than pumping their arms and legs for miles and miles, doesn't top everyone's list

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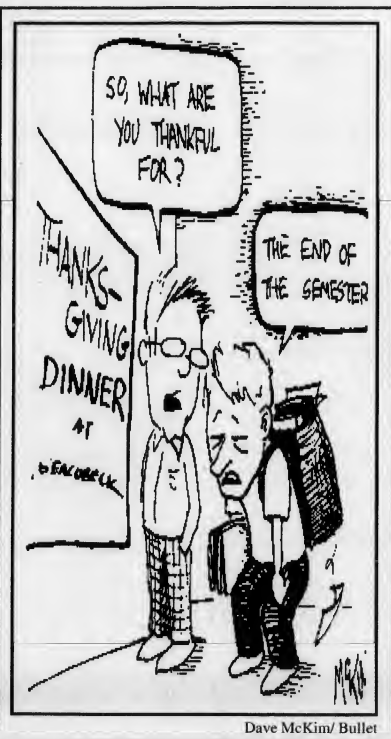
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# POLICE BEAT

By Jeremy Cline  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## Alcohol

•On Nov. 8 Dawn Sote, a non-student of Stafford, was charged with underage possession near Hanover Street.

•On Nov. 12 Robert Bedell, a non-student of Spotsylvania, was charged with driving under the influence (DUI), possession of marijuana and failure to obey a traffic light.

•On Nov. 12 Louis Rabsum, a non-student of Spotsylvania, was charged with DUI near the Fredericksburg Shopping Center.

•On Nov. 14 Robin Solat, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with DUI. Dennis Armstrong, a passenger in the vehicle, was charged with drunk in public.

## Larceny

•On Nov. 8 a bookbag, valued at \$70, was stolen from a vehicle on College Avenue.

•On Nov. 9 a vehicle at the Battleground was broken into and \$15 worth of items were stolen.

•On Nov. 10 a vehicle at the

Battleground was broken into. The perpetrators got into the car by cutting the vehicles soft top and stole \$630 worth of items. The damage to the automobile was estimated at \$700.

•On Nov. 10 several items, worth \$550, were stolen from Russell Hall. Among the missing were a T.V., a phone, and a mattress.

•On Nov. 13 a bike, valued at \$350, was stolen from Bushnell Hall.

## Injury/Illness

•On Nov. 8 an employee in Seacobeck was injured after slipping on the wet floor. The individual was transported to the emergency room.

•On Nov. 10 a student was injured near the fountain. The individual saw a black and white spotted cat that he apparently thought would be friendly. The cat bit the student and is still at large.

•On Nov. 12 a student in Alvey Hall was having problems with vomiting and diarrhea that was apparently "not under control". The individual was taken to the health center.

## Misc.

•On Nov. 8 an area coordinator turned over to campus police brass knuckles that had been confiscated from a

student.

•On Nov. 9 a student was playing solitaire on their computer in Alvey Hall. An E-mail message flashed across the screen, which read, "Whoever's on this computer, eat a dick."

•On Nov. 11 there was a fire alarm in Bushnell Hall due to a fire extinguisher being discharged.

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•On Nov. 12 a radiator broke in Marie House and flooded two rooms. The physical plant responded to the call.

•On Nov. 13 campus police pulled over a car for speeding. When police asked for identification, he sped off. Campus police chased the vehicle at speeds exceeding 70 mph. The driver crashed into a telephone pole and escaped on foot. The car turned out to be stolen. The incident is still under investigation.

•On Nov. 14 a vehicle window in the Sunken Road lot was broken. The damage was estimated at \$100.

# SENATE BEAT

By Carl Poole  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Handbook Revision Committee Chairs Michael Dugan and Brenna Wolf presented a proposal to create a judicial appeals system to Senate Wednesday, Nov. 15.

After allowing the Judicial Review Board to look over the proposal, a motion will be made to make the proposal an amendment to the Student Government Association Constitution at the next senate meeting on Nov. 30, according to Dugan.

The proposal calls for students accused of judicial violations to have the right to a second appeal trial if they are tried once and found guilty by the Judicial Review

Board. It also asks that students who plead guilty be able to appeal their sanctions if they feel the sanction is too harsh. The proposal also states that all sanctions given by the Judicial Review Board be postponed until all appeals are completed.

Judicial Review Board Chair Rebecca Manners said the logistics of the appeal systems would be difficult, but she approves of anything that would "benefit the student body and the board."

Dugan and Wolf asked Senators to go back to their residence halls to get students' views. However, Dugan added that whether the Judicial Review Board agrees with the proposal or not, Senate can make it an amendment to the SGA constitution for students to vote on

this spring.

Annelynn Tapscoot, SGA vice president, announced to Senate that SGA, in conjunction with the Free Press, is sponsoring a textbook exchange program in an effort "bypass the bookstore" and sell used books directly to student. Names of students and the textbooks they wish to sell will be printed in the January issue of the Free Press free of charge.

Alanna Weaver, an Alvey Hall Senator, made Wednesday's only two new motions. The first motion proposed that Senators be allowed to vote at Hall Council meetings. It passed. The second motion asked for improved lighting on the stairway up to Seacobeck Dining Hall. It also passed.

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handing out flyers throughout the campaign.

"Around 14 dedicated students also went out into the bad weather on election day, and promoted Edd Houck at the polls," said Longava.

Students were especially interested in supporting Houck because of his promise to work with the Virginia Business-Higher Education Council. Mary Washington College is a highly-involved member of the Council, which is composed of 37 Virginia business leaders and the presidents of Virginia's public colleges-and universities, according to Ron Singleton, director of public relations at MWC.

"The Council was organized three

years ago to critically study the necessary level of funding needed to adequately support higher education," he said. "It was determined that increases in state funding were imperative for the future of higher education, and for a wiser use of funding, Virginia needs to tighten its belt."

The Council's pledge states that if elected the candidate is committed to improving the affordability of higher education mainly through voting for significant increases in state funding for each year of the 1996-98 term.

"Those who signed the pledge will be responsible to help generate \$250 million of [higher education] funding over the next two years, and Houck

feels the current low amount of state funding for higher education demands this amount of responsibility," said Beiber.

The revenues of any Virginia public college or university are generated from two main sources, the state and the students who attend the school. The Institutional Self-Study of Mary Washington College shows that in the early 80's, state funding contributed to approximately 65 percent of the college's total revenue. Two years later, state funding dropped to less than half of the college's total revenue. For the 1994-95 academic year, the state funded only 48.1 percent of the revenue for Mary Washington College.

# News Briefs

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Guest Columnist

There seems to be a common misconception on campus. I'll try and correct it now: *The End of Racism* was written by Dinesh D'Souza, not Derek Botcher. This may be hard for some to accept, but it's true. I've seen this book. Derek's name isn't on it.

I know Derek personally. Yes, he has faults, as we all do, but racism is not among them. Unfortunately, one of his faults was being naive enough to believe that this school would be open to controversial ideas. I can honestly say that he is one of the most well intentioned people I've met in my life. Any personal attack on him is completely unwarranted.

For a while, those who know him found the controversy surrounding him humorous. We would joke that he is a hate monger and a bigot because we thought it was funny. It was such a ludicrous idea that we would laugh to ourselves how ineffective a racist Derek would be because he'd be too concerned about hurting someone's feelings. The idea of Derek hating any individual much less any group of individuals, was ridiculous.

Now that joke isn't funny anymore. Some who

By Cris Gardner, Susan Peterson  
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Guest Columnists

On Nov. 1 at Dinesh D'Souza's lecture, Derek Botcher asked an angry audience in Lee Hall to remain open-minded and to listen to D'Souza's views: a plea which by its very nature contradicts D'Souza's rejection of affirmative action.

Botcher explained that the reason D'Souza was asked to speak was to balance the typical pro-affirmative action views on campus. He said, "It (sic) easier to find someone to speak for affirmative action than to speak against it." According to Botcher then, by virtue of his exclusion from the majority viewpoint, D'Souza should be included in the debate (putting aside for the moment whether or not he truly does represent a minority viewpoint). In short, D'Souza's position should be heard because it is typically under-represented.

Ironically, this argument exactly parallels ones used by those of us support affirmative action. We agree that it is important to make every effort to include those who are under-represented. Given the exclusion of persons of color and women from dominant institutions, such as universities, affirmative action policies intend to ensure that they

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## Ecology Club Does More Than Study Plants

By Bobby Courtange  
Guest Columnist

When I was first introduced to the Ecology Club, I was under the impression that the club was about studying plants, animals, and their ecosystems. I have found that many MWC students have had the same

impression. The definition of ecology, in fact, is the study of the way organisms relate to their environment. This is not, however, what the Ecology Club is about. So I guess the title of the group is a misnomer. The Ecology Club in fact is a group of student environmentalists, interested in protecting the environment from present and future generations.

The Ecology Club has participated in several events during the semester. In September, the group participated in two river clean-ups. The first was the clean-up on the Rappahannock River, where members of the Ecology Club worked to remove various forms of litter in cooperation with "Friends of the Rappahannock" (a local environmental group). The second river clean-up was done on the Potomac River, with the cooperation of the group "Arlingtonians for a Cleaner Environment".

In October, the Ecology Club was rejuvenated with new enthusiasm after attending the SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) National Conference in Chapel Hill, NC. At the conference club members attended various workshops, panels, and speeches concerning environmental and social issues in today's society. Those who attended, including myself, were shown the importance of grassroots organizations,

and the political influence they can gain.

On the fourth of November, several Eco Club members attended a workshop in Washington, D.C., on environmental lobbying hosted by the Sierra Club. We were taught various techniques on effective lobbying. Our newly acquired skills were then put to work the next Thursday when we lobbied for Utah Wilderness on Capitol Hill. Eco Club members met with their respective representatives or Senators to voice our disapproval of S. 884 and H.R. 1745 as concerned constituents. Utah Wilderness has become a mainstream issue after the release of an article in USA Weekend depicting the stand-off between Senator Hatch, the S. 884 promoter, and Robert Redford, the person now taking the side of the Southern Utah Wilderness Coalition. Check out the article if you haven't already. It was in papers last week all over the USA.

The Ecology Club is also involved in recreational outings as well. On October 28, the club went hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Various other outings such as camping trips, additional hiking trips, and possibly ski trips are to be planned for next semester. The Eco Club will also be inviting speakers from several groups to come to the MWC. There may even be a speaker coming yet this semester.

The Ecology Club will also be attending the SEAC State events, or for general information about Ecology Club President Catherine Estes at 654-3891, or myself at 654-3553.

Bobby Courtange is a sophomore intended environmental science major and a member of the MWC Ecology Club.

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## Letters

### Professor Apologizes For 'Stepping Over The Line'

Many at the Nov. 1 speech by Dinesh D'Souza were deeply disturbed by the speaker's racial extremism and by his insulting remarks concerning Professor James Farmer. I was one of them. Unlike those others, however, I managed to step over the line of civility in my attempt to address the speaker, first by engaging in a 30-second tug-of-war for the microphone with the moderator, then, after the speech, by cursing loudly at a student during a heated exchange.

I regret and am embarrassed by these actions, and would like to extend my apologies to the students involved and to the rest of the college community.

We are indeed committed at Mary Washington to several essential values and expectations: the recognition of each individual's right to freedom of speech and open intellectual inquiry in pursuit of the

truth; the treatment of individuals with civility, dignity, and respect; the fostering of an atmosphere of trust and confidence, devoid of connotations of inferiority and superiority; and the understanding, appreciation, and acceptance of many diverse cultures.

I offer my apology as well for having failed to uphold these values and expectations.

Stephen H. Watkins  
Assistant Professor of English

### Cross-Country Teams Deserve Recognition

Every time I pick up a copy of the Bulletin, I wonder if the Sports Editors are aware that MWC actually has cross-country teams. I suppose watching a bunch of sweaty bodies, apparently doing nothing more than pumping their arms and legs for miles and miles, doesn't top everyone's list

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# FEATURES

## Professor Brings Reknowned Author To Benefit Reading MWC Faculty And Local Writers Assist In National Campaign Against Hunger And Homelessness

By Dana Birkholz  
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

Over complimentary coffee and hot chocolate a packed crowd in the Underground welcomed Mary Washington College's first annual participation in the national campaign against hunger and homelessness "Writers Harvest: The National Reading." On Nov. 9, nine writers from all over Virginia, including three MWC faculty members, read their fiction and non-fiction work for three hours.

Assistant Professor of English Hank Lewis, organizer and master of ceremonies for the event, said that while it was an unusually long night of reading, the final outcome was most important. According to Lewis, over \$500 and an estimated 300 pounds of canned food was raised through the donations taken at the door. Lewis, who read his own work at University of Maryland's reading the night before, said that MWC drew a larger crowd to the event.

"It seemed like a way in which writers can contribute to community... It seemed a double shot thing: it builds community because people come to hear the people read and all of a sudden they see how many different people are interested in the same thing and it also builds community because people are coming together and donating money for a good cause," said Lewis.

"Writers Harvest" consists of over 300 locations nationwide consisting of local writers and is sponsored by the national organization called Share Our Strength or SOS. SOS is in turn sponsored by American Express which enables all of the money to go directly to local hunger and homelessness agencies. The money raised at MWC will be going to agencies in Fredericksburg although Lewis has not yet picked which ones.

The night began with one of MWC's own faculty members, Genine Lentine, senior lecturer of English. Lentine chose to read her 1983 poem called "Delivery" about the death of her mother. As she relayed emotions of both birth and death, several members of the audience began wiping tears out of their eyes.

Junior Kara Jackson sat at one of the many tables with people crying after Lentine's poem.

"Her imagery was incredible. I had quite a few friends around me that were sniffing. She made me realize that I am not a poet. I was sitting there thinking I have a lot of work to do if I ever want to be a poet," said Jackson.

As the night progressed, topics varied from a professor and his undergraduate lover, written by local writer Bliss Broyard to a young couple's struggles with their first child to a non-fiction account of inner-city panhandlers, read by local writer Sijahanna McCray.

Lewis initially contacted writers from different parts of Virginia, some being personal friends. Assistant



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Professor of English Steve Watkins and Distinguished Professor of English Don Glover joined Lentine in representing the MWC faculty.

According to Lewis, the writers mainly consisted of young people that have few, if any, publications. The only two exceptions on this list, he said, were Watkins, who has published several short stories in literary magazines, and Marita Golden, author of *Migrations of*

*the Heart, A Woman's Place and Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World* among others.

Golden is also the founder of the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation which sponsors and supports African American writers. Golden began her reading by telling the story of how she met Lewis. Lewis was a fourth prize winner from the foundation and according to Golden, the only reason he did not win first place was

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-Marita Golden  
Author

**Top Left:** Marita Golden, author of *Migrations of the Heart*, reads an excerpt of one of her novels; **Bottom Left:** Bliss Broyard, a local writer from Charlottesville, reads an excerpt from her story "Ugliest Faces"; **Bottom Right:** Don Glover, distinguished professor of English, reads his poems from a series titled "Plant Diary."

because his entry was not complete at the time of submission.

Other readers, all from Charlottesville, included Broyard who read an excerpt from her story "Ugliest Faces"; Mary Ann Samyn who read a series of poems about various Catholic saints; Alexander Wardwell who read his short story "Vouchers"; Deborah Sussman, who read "Your Name Here"; and McCray, who read a non-fiction essay titled "Four Movies and A Head of Hair" and a poem titled "How To Move."

The MWC faculty also read from various mediums and topics. After "Delivery" Lentine also read a poem titled "Still Life in the Big Game." Glover's poetry focused on various plants called "Plant Diary," and Watkins chose to read his short story "Ice Age."

While many readings throughout the night elicited laughs and smiles from the audience, it was clear that the people were conscious of the reason for the reading.

"I am a person that responds to and is moved by a lot of things that happen in the real world, so writing for me is a way to dialogue with reality to make sense of it," said Golden in a later interview.

Lentine even wrote a poem for the campaign which has yet to be titled.

"I thought [the Writers Harvest] was really wonderful and I wanted to mark that occasion. I hadn't written in a long time and I wanted to take that opportunity. It made me rethink earlier poems in the light of the idea of harvest," said Lentine.

According to Lewis, MWC will also support the "Writers Harvest" next fall as well as many other readings throughout the year.

## Kingston Exchange Students Compare U.S. To U.K.

By Catherine Stollak  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Almost everyone in college experiences some degree of homesickness, but imagine what it would be like to have an ocean separating you from your loved ones. This is exactly the situation that five students from Kingston College in London, England are in during their semester-long stay at Mary Washington College.

The Kingston exchange programs was first developed in the fall of 1991 when the Education department of MWC was approached by the Education department at Kingston. For the next two years, Adrienne May, assistant professor of Education at MWC, and Pamela Bowell, from the school of Education at Kingston, worked together to develop the exchange program.

The program was designed so that each fall semester education students from MWC trade places with the same number of students from the Kingston education department. These students literally replace each other at colleges, even living in each other's rooms, according to May. The first exchange took place in the fall of 1993 and the program has proven to be very successful.

This year, five students from each of the schools are participating in the exchange. While five MWC students are studying in London, Melissa Coles, Ryan Driver, Jane Gregory, Graeme Walker and Lucy Wintle are experiencing life in Fredericksburg.

May sees many benefits for students participating in the program, especially in respect to their education majors.

"Having international students in education classes allows both them and the other students the opportunity to explore the ways in which systems of education differ from country to country," she said.

The students see the benefits of the exchange on a more personal level.

"Our degree is four years. Why on Earth spend four years at Kingston when you can spend just four months somewhere

else?" said Wintle, explaining why she chose to participate in the exchange.

All of the British students have found that they needed to make many adjustments to living in a different country. Gregory and Coles went to San Francisco before they arrived at MWC.

"That made the adjustment a little easier. I think we adjusted to, just basically, things like crossing the road. We've settled in our town to a little bit of what the American culture is like," said Gregory. She added that



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**Adrienne May, assistant professor of Education, developed the exchange program two years ago.**

she has been able to keep perspective because, "This is not the real world, there are so many more issues at stake in life."

"I've learned a bit about myself and other people and how they deal with different issues. It has broadened my horizons," said Coles.

"Just because we speak the same language, doesn't mean we do the same things at all," said Wintle.

The Kingston students have found many differences in the systems of education at Kingston and MWC. According to Wintle, there are no general education requirements in Kingston. Students decide while in our school what they are going to major in so that

they can begin to specialize in college. In general, students enter their first year of college knowing which courses they will be taking for the next three years. They don't have such a wide spectrum of classes to choose from, according to Coles.

Courses are also different from those taught at Kingston. According to the students, education classes don't require exams.

"We have...continual assessment. So you hand in projects and research papers and you do two or three a semester," said Wintle.

Classes in England also require much less reading and much more discussion according to Coles.

"At home I must have brought three books in two years, and I haven't read them," said Wintle.

Another major difference, according to Wintle, is that school in London starts in October and runs through July. The year is also divided into three terms rather than two semesters.

While their specific disciplines are different, as education majors all five of the students are taking Education 370 and four are taking Education 300, while Wintle takes Education 350. According to May, half of the classes that Kingston students take here are taken in the Education department, while the other half are taken in their specific major or as General Education requirements.

"It's been good to experience different ways of learning," said Gregory. "There's a lot of pressure education wise in America...If you take a year off after high school before going on to university, you're considered lazy. I think the reason being that the parents pay for the education here [fees in England are paid for by the government]. Parents get a say in what the children do...I don't think you are considered an adult here until you've finished graduate school. People don't base their learning on life experience here."

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## Speaker Provides Insight To Colleague's Work

By Amy Lin  
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Nov. 1, Dinesh D'Souza, the widely-recognized author of *The End of Racism*, drew strong emotional response from the large audience in the packed Lee Hall Ballroom when he spoke alone in a forum entitled "Affirmative Action: Past Its Prime?" Some of the people present were enraged by his statements against affirmative action.

Six days later, Ronald Takaki, an eminent scholar of multicultural issues and professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, responded to and refuted D'Souza's controversial arguments in his presentation "The Crucible of the Culture Wars."

Takaki began the lecture with a personal, race-related story. Several years ago, he took a cab through Norfolk, Va. on his way to a conference. He and the white cabdriver chatted about everyday things like the weather until the driver asked the question that Asian Americans often hear, "So how long have you been in this country?"

When Takaki told him that his Japanese grandfather had moved to the United States in the 1880s, the driver said, "Well, I was wondering about you, because your English is excellent."

Takaki said, "Well, at that moment, you know, this icy curtain fell down between the two of us because he realized, and I realized, that he did not see me as an American, and it was pretty clear I did not look like an American to him."

Even though the showing was considerably smaller than that of D'Souza's, over 100 students, faculty and community members showed up to listen to Takaki speak as part of the celebration of the Cultural Awareness Series sponsored by the

Multicultural Center.

Vice-President for Multicultural Affairs Forrest Parker said that the close scheduling of the two presentations was unintentional, since they had been sponsored by different organizations. He added that it was only natural for a controversial individual like D'Souza to attract a big crowd.

Takaki also referred to D'Souza at the beginning of his speech. He said that he would have enjoyed meeting with the other scholar whose viewpoint on race relations directly opposed his own.

"I myself have debated D'Souza. He cites me quite extensively in his new book *The End of Racism*," said Takaki.

*"One of the things that I think is most important is that Professor Takaki's work really demonstrates that the U.S. has always been a multiracial, a multicultural society from its conception and continues to be one to this day."*

-Jennifer Eichstedt  
Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Jennifer Eichstedt, who introduced Takaki, said in a later interview that she was very much interested in developing multicultural education. She has studied Takaki's work in *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*, *Iron Cages: Race and Culture in Nineteenth-Century America*, and *Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans*.

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Then Takaki shared another unpleasant racial experience, told to him by a member of the Mary Washington College Asian Student Association.

According to Takaki, the Asian student was carrying a brown paper bag into one of the residence halls when she heard somebody ask,

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Wintle also noticed that there is very little time just to sit down and talk.

"We have an hour, hour and a half between our classes [at Kingston], whereas you all have ten minutes between each class. In that hour, people are just hanging out, talking with each other. We miss that sort of chewing over life, moaning, chatting, just enjoying one another's company," she said.

According to Wintle, the biggest adjustment in coming here has been the differences in geography.

"If we were to go to a small town in England we'd have to make adjustments there too," she said. While Fredericksburg is a semi-urban area, London is a large city. "The geography of this country is so big that everything is so big that everything is spaced out, whereas at home you just get on a bus and you are in London or loads of other places."

"The campus is beautiful and the area is very nice," said Driver, "but there's nothing to do on-campus. I know D.C.'s up the road, but we haven't got cars."

All of the students also have noticed a difference in the attitudes that students have towards alcohol.

"We are used to having alcohol available and people not abusing it as much as they do here. On the weekend Westmoreland is a swimming pool of beer...It gets to be kind of a drag," said Wintle. Since the drinking age in England is 18, the experiences Wintle and Coles see here resemble those they had at 16.

"We go to parties at home to socialize and meet people while people here go to parties to get drunk," said Coles.

"Drinking is more of a social thing in England, as opposed to a Friday night thing, going out to get drunk," said Driver.

They also found big differences in the food here. None of them seemed to mind the food served at Seacoast, but they did comment on American food in general.

"You have iced tea. It's a very different concept for us; it's disgusting...Tea is not meant to be cold, it's so immoral," said Coles.

Gregory agreed with Coles and also adds that not even hot tea is decent here. Wintle, however, had some positives about American beverages.

"You have very good coffee. We only have instant coffee really. At home if you make fresh coffee you're a bit of a nerd," said Wintle.

Another topic the students found interesting was how the students and administration at MWC interact.

According to Gregory, "You've gotten the administration down to a fine art...if you say

something wrong, it gets sorted out the right way."

"I think [the administration] is quite professional," said Wintle. "I think they're afraid of being sued. English people wouldn't even dream of that, we're a bit more laid back."

The Kingston students also noted several differences in the legal system on both the United States and here at MWC.

"What is weird about America, you can go over to the supermarket and buy a gun," said Gregory.

"At home, our police don't even carry guns, so guns for us are just strange," said Wintle.

Driver posed questions about the honor code at MWC.

"The honor code is an entirely new thing for us," said Driver. "I think that it may be good for MWC, but really, if you say 'on my honor, I haven't done anything,' are you believed? There's definitely flaws in the system."

"To its advantage," said Coles. "You can keep your door open here and it's very unlikely that things will get stolen."

Driver, Walker and Wintle have not only participated in classes here at MWC, but also were all involved in the recent production of "Cloud 9." Wintle really enjoyed being involved in the theater department because at Kingston they don't have the opportunities to explore other areas of interest as education majors.

"Cloud 9" featured some parts which were appropriate for mature audiences only and the actors were concerned about the reaction from the viewers.

"People have said they thought the acting was good, but when it comes to content, they weren't happy," said Driver. "These [are] things that they didn't want to confront and maybe they should."

According to Wintle, they were expecting more negative reaction to the play than they actually received.

"The comeback from the play, the backlash, was nothing like we expected. We were expecting people to be up in arms, to be protesting outside, and they haven't at all. It [has] gone very smoothly and people are coming back, seeing it a few times," said Wintle.

Even with all of the adjustments and major differences, the students' overall reaction to the exchange program is very positive.

"It [has] been a learning experience," said Gregory. "I've really enjoyed it, I'd do the exact same thing again."

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"Who ordered Chinese food?"

Takaki observed that some people on this campus seemed to associate Asian Americans with Chinese take-out restaurants. He said that there often exists a common, pervasive, but mistaken notion that the term "American" means white and of European descent.

In the introduction, Eichstedt anticipated this idea when she said, "Professor Takaki really asks us to challenge what we mean when we use the label 'American' and who we include in that label. Because I think it's very easy for many of us to speak about 'we' as if we know who 'we' includes, and often we exclude a whole lot of people."

Parker said that the incident of mistaken identity in the residence hall did not surprise him at all. He said that an environment with few minorities tends to foster stereotypes of people's positions on campus.

Takaki said that deans at colleges and universities often ask him for a way to create a multicultural institution. He used U.C. Berkeley as an example where minorities compose over

half of the student body, but aware of its multiracial identity. Every student is required to take at least one course designed to comparatively study race in American society. At present, there are over eighty such classes from which to choose.

According to Associate Professor of Philosophy Craig Vasey, a number of MWC faculty members are currently working on finalizing the details of a revised general education framework that will include a class that is intensive in each of the following areas: "race and gender," "ecology" and "speaking," in addition to two classes that are "global" intensive. These requirements are scheduled to go into effect for the freshmen entering in the fall of 1997. Vasey said that they will be comparable to the familiar "Writing Intensive" classes in that a variety of departments will offer courses that fulfill the requirement.

Takaki continued his speech by drawing and explaining the social theory of Harvard Professor Nathan Glazer. According to Glazer, society is divided into three concentric circles; the innermost circle contains the white, Protestant middle class; the next circle

holds white ethnic immigrants like Italians or Irish, who have basically joined the mainstream of the first circle; the outermost circle has ethnic minorities like Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, etc.

According to Takaki, Glazer stated that of the minorities in the outer circle, only Asians have attained the level of economic success found in the white inner circle. In addition, Asians had the highest family incomes of all the minorities. Glazer believed the reason for Asian success was due to their values of thrift,

theories because they were setting one minority against another by falsely glorifying Asian success in order to criticize Black failure. The white majority was trying to correct black values and behavior by turning Asians into role models.

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During the question and answer session following the lecture, freshman Kellie Matthews asked Takaki how he felt about D'Souza's speaking at

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Professor of Ethnic Studies  
University of California at Berkeley

industry and hard work, or white Protestant values, as Takaki called them.

In a racial issues debate with Glazer several years ago, Takaki used statistics to counter his opponent's argument for the relationship between Asian values and Asian success. Takaki found that there were more workers per Asian family—that was why the family income was higher. The fact that most Asians live in cities like Los Angeles or New York, metropolitan areas with a high cost of living, also explains why their wages are higher.

Takaki went on to say that D'Souza's theory about Asians and minorities like Blacks did not differ much from Glazer's. According to Takaki, D'Souza states that Blacks cannot succeed economically and socially because they have developed a type of "cultural deficiency" that keeps them in the lower-class. D'Souza does not regard slavery as a racist institution; he used the Asians' unassisted success to argue against affirmative action for other minorities. According to Takaki, D'Souza asked if the Asians made it, why can't the Blacks?

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theory about Blacks because they were setting one minority against another by falsely glorifying Asian success in order to criticize Black failure. The white majority was trying to correct black values and behavior by turning Asians into role models.

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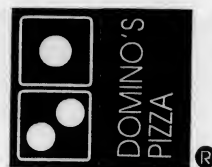
Sophomore Sarah Robbins said that Takaki's presentation inspired only positive feedback. She found his lecture interesting and articulate. He brought a perspective that was entirely different from MWC's "West Coast" perspective, she said.

Although Takaki ended by saying that he was not advocating the aggressive rallies, protests and faculty dining hall blockades that the Berkeley students had organized to get multicultural classes, his final words were, "Institutions do not change unless students become agents of change...at least remember that message."

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# SPORTS

## Swimmers Drown Catholic First Win Over CAC Rival in Dual Meet in Five Years

By Eric Gaffen  
Bulletin Staff Writer

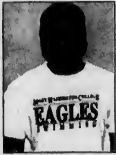


Eagle swimmer flies past Catholic University in their Nov. 10 dual meet victory.

Shannon Slawter/Bullet

### Bullet Player of the Week

Junior Tim Selgas takes the prestigious title this week. Selgas helped lead the men's swim team to a 103-102 victory over Catholic University, Nov. 10 at Goolrick Pool.



Tim Selgas

Selgas won the 500-yard freestyle event, and was part of the 400 medley relay team, which also won.

Selgas narrowly edged out junior swimmer Emily Williams in the closest vote in the history of the Player of the Week balloting. Emily won both the 1,000 and 500 freestyle events.

Other nominees were, sophomore swimmer Billy Prout, who was part of the 400 Medley relay, as well as the 400 freestyle relay, and two members of the Cross-Country team. Junior Jon Gates and sophomore Caitlin McGurk both qualified for the NCAA Division III National Meet due to their strong performances in the South/Southeast Regional Meet on Nov. 11.

### VISA Selects All-Stars

Three members of the men's soccer team will finish their season by participating in the Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association All-Star Game. The game will take place Nov. 18 at Randolph-Macon College.

Senior Fullback Jeff Kramer was named to the all-star squad, along with sophomore Gustavo Rodriguez and junior Chris Blueloch.

Kramer scored six points on the season, and was named the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year. Rodriguez registered two goals and six assists for a total of ten points. Blueloch scored a team high nine goals, and was tied for the team lead in scoring with 21 points.

### Field Hockey Seniors Chosen For All-Star Game

Although the Field Hockey team completed its season, a few of the team members are not quite through yet. MWC had two members of its team selected for the South team, which will compete in the annual North-South Senior All-Star Game.

Defender Eliza Huber and goaltender Stephanie Lowe were two of the 20 players chosen to take part in the game.

The two players were anchored a solid defense for Mary Washington, which allowed 0.49 goals per game. Lowe blanked 11 opponents this season. Her total of 42 career shutouts is, by far, a school record.

The game will take place Nov. 18 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

### Riding Places Fourth Again

The MWC Riding team ended their fall season by finishing fourth out of 15 teams at the University of Maryland Show. It was the fourth consecutive competition in which the team placed fourth.

Finishing in first place in their respective events were sophomore Leslie Mills, in Walk-Trot, freshman Heather Goddard, in Open Flat, as well as freshman Teresa Bettis, and sophomore Melissa Finkle.

Second place finishers were sophomores Joanna Riedel, Morgan White, and Kim Klosek, as well as junior Faith Ann Love.

### Upcoming Events . . .

#### Women's Basketball (0-0)

Ferrum Tip-Off Tournament (Nov. 17-18)  
Nov. 17 vs. Greensboro College, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 18 - Championship, 4 p.m. (or  
Consolation game, 2 p.m.)  
Nov. 22 vs. the College of Notre Dame  
at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball (0-0)

Nov. 17 vs. Virginia Wesleyan College,  
at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 22 at Hampden-Sydney Coll., 7:30

#### Swimming (Men 2-1; Women 2-1)

Nov. 17 at Goucher College, 7 p.m.

#### Intramural Sports

Nov. 18 - Floor Hockey Tournament  
at Goolrick Gym

#### Football (8-0)

Beat Bryn Mawr, 69-0.

The MWC men's swimming team made a statement to the defending Capital Athletic Conference Champions, the Catholic University Cardinals on Nov. 10. The Eagles defeated Catholic, 103-102, claiming, quite possibly, their biggest dual meet victory in three years.

MWC snatched this win from the Cardinals, who had beaten MWC by an average margin of 50 points in the past three dual meets, in the last race of the meet. The Cardinals had also narrowly edged out the Eagles at the past two CAC Championships.

Trailing Catholic 98-90 before the 400 free relay, the final race of the meet, a first and either second or third place finish was necessary to claim triumph. Seniors Cordis Carter and Lee Lewis were the two middle legs in the relay, with freshman Nathan Zaleski opening, and sophomore Billy Prout swimming anchor. Zaleski got of the blocks first, and swam to a lead in his leg, a lead which would never dissipate. The second and third legs extended the margin, leaving Prout the job of finishing the race. As Lewis approached the wall to touch and send Prout on his way, Prout raised his arms above his head and beckoned for some noise from the team and the fans. A boisterous cheer ensued as Prout swam strongly, touching for a victory with one arm raised high in the air signaling victory in a time of 3:19.61.

"I think it was the most incredible meet that I've ever been a part of," junior Matt Kennedy said.

The victory for the team was not actually achieved until the B-Relay team of juniors Steve Smith, Alex Inge, Matt Nisley, and freshman Kyle Colin finished. In a true testament to the degree of depth this team possesses, the B-Relay narrowly

missed beating Catholic's A-Relay, taking third place to secure the win.

The Eagles claimed an exciting 400 medley relay victory in the meet's opening race, as the team of Smith Prout, junior Tim Selgas and senior Scott Wagner won in a time of 3:41.49. Selgas also won the 500 free (5:01.63), and Lewis won the 1000 free (10:46.06). These first place finishes left MWC trailing by eight points heading into the final race, setting the stage for heroics.

"We're confident in our program, but it's real nice to get an early-season boost. We've been training extraordinarily hard, and it's great to get such good swims at this stage of our training," Inge said.

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## Two MWC Runners Make it to Nationals

By Zak Billmeier  
Bulletin Sports Editor

Two of Mary Washington's runners are headed for balmi La Crosse, Wisconsin, this weekend to compete in the 1995 NCAA Division III cross-country Nationals. The event is being held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

In the South/Southeast Regional cross-country meet held on November 11 at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, sophomore Caitlin McGurk finished third out of 91 runners in the women's 3.1-mile race with a time of 19:24. She qualified for Nationals for the second straight year.

"I think it was a good race," McGurk said. "It was good practice for the Nationals." McGurk hopes that her result at the Nationals is better this year than last year. "Last year I didn't have a good race. I hope I don't choke again," she said.

Still, last year's performance, although disappointing, could work into her favor. Often times, a feeling of personal disappointment can give birth to a competitive fire. "I feel that experience helps," McGurk said. "I definitely feel better [about the Nationals] this year."

A big issue could arise from the site of the race. It's not hard to imagine what a mid-November day in La Crosse, Wisconsin feels like. "I'm nervous,"

McGurk said. "Hopefully the cold won't affect me. It's going to be cold there."

Junior Jon Gates finished second out of 119 runners in the men's 5-mile race with a time of 26:31. It is Gates' second trip to the nationals as well, and it would likely be his third if he hadn't sat out last season.

In 1993, Gates turned in a 37th-place finish at the Nationals as a freshman. It marked the best-ever finish for a Mary Washington male runner at the cross-country nationals.

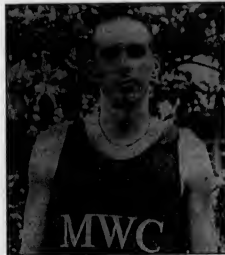
The Eagle cross-country teams fared quite well, too. The women finished a strong third out of 17 teams with 101 points. Emory (GA) and Rhodes (TN) finished first and second, respectively.

The Eagle men also finished strong, placing sixth out of twenty teams with 141 points.

Senior Krystal Fogg made the All-Region team by virtue of her fifteenth-place finish. Her time was 20:13. Gates and McGurk also made the All-Region team. The top fifteen finishers in each race take home all-region honors.

For the women, senior Allison Coleman finished 23rd with a time of 20:25, junior Moraima Santiago finished 27th in 20:32, and freshman Christina Stallings was 35th with a time of 20:48.

The men had some strong finishers, too. Junior Justin Gerberoux came in 31st with a time of 28:21 in the five-mile race, Junior Costen Burch was 37th in 28:49, senior Pete Steinberg finished 40th in a time of 28:54, and junior Mike Owings came in 50th in 29:23.



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Jon Gates, above, and Caitlin McGurk qualified for the Div. III nationals last weekend.

## MWC Intramurals Offer Something for Everyone

By Zak Billmeier  
Bulletin Sports Editor

Intramural sports are offered every year at Mary Washington for a variety of reasons. They are offered as an alternative to varsity athletics, they are offered for the enjoyment of a sport that perhaps a student doesn't have the time to play competitively, and they are offered simply to give students something athletic to do in an organized setting.

"They give students a chance to play the sports they enjoy in a fun but competitive atmosphere. The focus is more on fun than winning, although winning is still the ultimate goal. A famous coach once said that 'Winning isn't everything, but it sure beats the s--- out of losing.' To be sure, winning an intramural championship is important to the participants, but the real goal is to have a good time."

Intramurals are offered to all people at all skill levels. Those that wish to challenge themselves more heavily can choose to play in a more competitive league, while others can choose a moderately competitive or non-competitive setting. There is something for everyone.

For instance, there is a lot of variety in the intramural lineup for the spring semester this year. There are water sports, like water polo and canoeing, there three different basketball tournaments, and there are a slew of other activities that range from ultimate frisbee to a bench press competition.

There is also an inherent social aspect. "It's a good way to socialize while sober," says junior Andrew Cox. "I loved it," said junior Mike Dugan. "There is no pressure to excel, you just have a good time."

Please see the intramural schedule on page 7.



### By Zak Billmeier and Brian Schumacher

Nursing bullet wounds this week:

#### 1. The Washington Bullets

This week, Abe Pollin, owner of the Washington Bullets, announced that the team will be changing their nickname before the 1997-98 season.

According to Pollin, the name, "Bullets" is inappropriate for a town where violence has become a part of everyday life.

In a related turn of events, we here at The Gun have received word that Pollin is about to ask us to change the name of our column. Fear not, we shall not bow to Political Correctness. Abe thought that "Warmth from a Smoking Campfire" would be a nice, wholesome, campy name that would promote peace in the inner city areas of Fredericksburg. We told Abe that he was a big loony.

As for the Bullets, this is indeed the greatest identity crisis since "The Artist Formerly Known as Prince" got tired of

his name. So, the team will be conducting a contest to find their new name.

A few suggestions:

1. The Team Formerly Known as the Bullets
2. The Common Street Pimps
3. The Semi-Automatics
4. Don't bother calling them anything, they don't deserve to have a nickname.

#### 2. The DAF

Don't you just hate it when some idiot picks up the football after a play has been whistled dead and runs upfield with it? This happens in every televised football game. The term "dumbass" has been assigned to the perpetrator of this offense by my roommate Andrew Cox.

The only response by officials to the Dumbass is to blow frantically on the whistle in hopes of blowing a clue into the player's thick skull. The guilty party doesn't

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# Kramer's Presence Will Be Missed

By Les Shaver  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Throughout most of the last four years Springfield, Va product Jeff Kramer has been a mainstay for the Eagles mens soccer team. Kramer, along with seniors Brad Kroll, Caz Yasutis, Chris Caputo, and Wyland Leadbetter, have led the Eagles through what may be the most successful period in the history of the school's program. Over the last four years they have compiled a 61-16-5 record, a .774 winning percentage. Also through this period, they have claimed four CAC titles, and received an NCAA tournament berth.

Kramer, a two year captain, has been a large part of this success, in spite of a knee injury that limited his junior season to a handful of games. The injury was diagnosed as a tear of the medial collateral ligament, which is one the toughest injuries an athlete can face.

However, after rehabilitation, Kramer was back on the field this fall for his senior year. The Eagles again posted a strong season, winning the CAC title, however they were also pushed off of the bubble for a bid to the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year. Kramer points to these two slights by the NCAA selection committee, along with the knee injury, as the biggest disappointments of his career.

This is not to say however that anyone can call the midfielder's career disappointing. In fact, it has been quite the opposite.

Kramer has accumulated a large number of personal awards to add to the remarkable success of the team over his four years here. Among these were appearances on the CAC All-Conference team every year, excluding his injury plagued junior year. He also appeared on the All-Region team his first two years at MWC. Kramer, who is also a strong bet to be on the All-Region team

again this year, received his most notable honor after this past season becoming the 1995 CAC player of the year. "You can't ever expect to win that," Kramer said.

He also goes on to explain that, while awards are nice, they are also political. A case in point, according to the team captain, is that goalkeeper Jim Hummel and the defenders in front of him were slighted on awards after they put together a long string of great performances this past season.

In spite of the awards, Kramer's most notable highlights have been on the field, like wins over over Methodist, who was No. 1 in the region, and Roanoke, during his sophomore year. These wins led to a No. 1 seed, and a first round game at MWC, in the NCAA tournament that year.

"In the NCAA tournament, we stepped out and it was completely different from any other game we played at home before," Kramer said.

Kramer contends that the honor most important to him is being a team leader over the past couple of seasons. He has brought more to the team than talent over the years.

"He brings a lot of leadership, and he's a playmaker. He puts everything together," sophomore Craig Gillan said.

Kramer was an important part of the team off the field, and to give the younger players the feeling that they were accepted as part of the team, according to Gillan.

"He's a real friendly guy - on and off the field," Gillan said.

With Kramer's departure, MWC loses a leader and one its most productive players ever. The void is also there for Kramer who simply says, "I can't believe it's over."



Jeff Kramer had a banner year in 1995.

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feel badly for his sins, though, because he thinks that he is showing hustle and heads up play, and that his coach will praise him highly for it. Actually, the coach should suspend him indefinitely, depending on what we call "the dumbass factor" (DAF, because abbreviations are cool.)

The dumbass factor is a tool by which league officials and coaches can determine the suspensions that will be doled out for the effrontery afforded them by the Dumbass himself. Here it is:

1. How long the play has been whistled dead.
2. How many more whistles it took to get the Dumbass to stop.
3. Whether or not the ball was on the ground when the Dumbass picked it up.\*
4. Whether or not the Dumbass argued.
5. Whether or not the initial call was a good one.

We are recommending an automatic ejection for the Dumbass and a fifteen-yard penalty and a loss of downs for the team. An automatic one-game suspension is also in order, with additional penalties coming from the extent of the DAF test. Professional players will be fined accordingly and ordered to join the United Way.

We ask that you faithful readers who are rabid football fans bow the Dumbass loudly in order to curb this annoying occurrence.

\* - I actually saw a dumbass grab the ball out of the ref's hands and run upfield with it one time (true story.)

### 3. Cowboys-49ers

Okay, the most eagerly anticipated regular-season game of the year didn't have the implications that it probably should have, but a few key things came to light because of it.

For one, the 49ers proved that despite their mediocre record, they are still the best team in football. Michael Irvin backs us up on that one. Come playoff time, they will be right in the thick of the quest for the Lombardi trophy, even though they will probably play most of their games on the road. The Cowboys can't make an excuse for the loss. Sure, Troy Aikman didn't play, but neither did Steve Young, and the loss of William Floyd left the 49ers without much of a running game. Emmitt Smith was held to meaningless yards, and Michael Irvin was held in check by Marquez Pope and Eric Davis.

Jerry Rice had a typical day despite tight coverage by Deion and Co., proving that he is indeed the greatest receiver ever to play the game. Deion wasn't covering him on the 81-yard touchdown play that accounted for half of his yards, but Rice pretty much had his way all day.

And then there's that guy Elvis. He lived up to all that credit that The Gun gave him a few weeks ago by staying within the 49er bootleg and dump-off system, a system which has come to be called the "west-coast offense." He's an adequate backup with a great name.

### 4. Florida State Seminoles

Last week the team's national title hopes went up in smoke with a loss to UVa. This week it was their equipment.

A truck containing every shred of the team's equipment caught on fire this week. The school estimated that over \$300,000 was lost as a result of the blaze. Furthermore, the team now must borrow equipment from other schools for this Saturday's game against the University of Maryland.

Remember, kids, never play with matches.

### 5. Cleveland's Department of Motor Vehicles

It was a bad week to be on the roads of Cleveland. icy roads? Drunk drivers? Worse. The Cleveland Cavaliers.

Not one, not two, but three members of the Cleveland Cavaliers were involved in separate car accidents this week. First was Tyrone Hill, who was on his way to a game Tuesday night. Hill injured his back in the accident. On Saturday night, both Antonio Lang and Donny Marshall didn't quite make it to practice Sunday morning. Luckily, neither of these players are in very bad shape.

However, the same can not be said for the Cavs. The team is winless, and they are beginning to get desperate. How desperate? On Oct. 12, the day of the accidents involving Lang and Marshall, Danny Ferry was in the starting lineup against San Antonio. 'Nuff said.

### 6. Peter McNeely... again

After realizing that he wasn't exactly up to the challenge of Mike Tyson, "The Hurricane" decided this week to test his skills against someone near his skill level. Enter 28-year-old Aldo Hernandez.

McNeely allegedly knocked Hernandez upside the head with a beer bottle the other night at Boston's Roxy nightclub. According to Roxy spokeswoman, Lauren Birmingham, the two men were involved in an altercation in the VIP box of the nightclub.

We here at The Gun are glad to hear that the Roxy considers you a VIP, but for christ's sake, you're supposed to be a boxer. You could at least try to act like it and hit the guy with your fist and not a beer bottle.

## Bullet Sports Staff Top 10 College Football Teams

Zak - Editor	Brian - Asst. Ed.	Eric - Writer	Les - Writer
1. Ohio State	1. Nebraska	1. Florida	1. Nebraska
2. Florida	2. Ohio State	2. Nebraska	2. Florida
3. Nebraska	3. Florida	3. Ohio State	3. Ohio State
4. Northwestern	4. Tennessee	4. Northwestern	4. Tennessee
5. Kansas State	5. Northwestern	5. Tennessee	5. Florida State
6. Florida State	6. Florida State	6. Notre Dame	6. Northwestern
7. Tennessee	7. Kansas State	7. Florida State	7. Kansas State
8. Texas	8. Colorado	8. Colorado	8. Texas
9. Colorado	9. Texas	9. Kansas State	9. Southern Cal
10. Virginia	10. Virginia	10. Texas	10. Colorado

Notre Dame No. 6, Eric? Is that some kind of joke?

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The training that Inge and the rest of the swimmers engage in is brutal. At this point in the season, they are doing the most intense portion of their training. Closer to the CAC Championships, the work load will ease off, as the team tapers (resting their bodies) so as to reach maximum rest, and potential.

The training is similar for the women, though they will probably not need it. They crushed Catholic 137-72, dismissing another minor

nuisance on the way to steam rolling CAC opponents in their quest for their sixth straight CAC Championship.

First place finishers in the meet: senior Sarah King in the 50 free and the 200 back, junior Emily Williams in the 500 and 1000 freestyle, senior Liz Darcy in the 200 free, senior Gretchen Hurley in the 200 breaststroke and senior Nancy McClain in the 200 individual medley.

Williams had a particularly strong showing, finishing a full lap ahead of the rest of the field in the 1000 freestyle.

"It was one of the strongest performances for [the women's team] this year," junior Eric Earling said.

The 400 medley relay team of King, Hurley, McClain, and sophomore Jessica Green was first in 4:15.68, while the 400 free relay team of Darcy, Green, freshman Carson Wasserman and sophomore Charis Armstrong was first in 3:52.34.

## Spring 1996 Intramural Sports Schedule

Basketball	Badminton	Volleyball 4-on-4	Blacktop B-Ball
Entries: 1/10 - 1/17 Meeting: 1/17, 6 p.m. Play begins: 1/21	Entries: 2/12 - 2/21 Meeting: 2/21, 6 p.m. Play begins: 2/24	Entries: 3/11 - 3/27 Meeting: 3/27, 6 p.m. Play begins: 3/30	Entries: 4/8 - 4/17 Meeting: 4/17, 6 pm Play begins: 4/20
Water Polo	Softball	Ultimate Frisbee	Canoe Trip
Entries: 1/10 - 1/24 Meeting: 1/24, 6 p.m. Play begins: 1/28	Entries: 2/19 - 3/13 Meeting: 3/13, 6 p.m. Play begins: 3/17	Entries: 3/11 - 3/27 Meeting: 3/27, 6:30 Play begins: 3/30	Entries: TBA Meeting: TBA Begins: TBA
B-ball Blowout	Indoor Soccer	Tennis	Questions? John MacDonald Goolrick 215 (540) 654-1126
Entries: 1/17 - 1/31 Meeting: 1/31, 6 p.m. Play begins: 2/3	Entries: 2/26 - 3/13 Meeting: 3/13, 6:30 Play begins: 3/16	Entries: 3/18 - 4/3 Meeting: 4/3, 6 p.m. Play begins: 4/6	
Bench Press	Field Hockey	Ball Hockey	* All meetings are mandatory and will be held in Goolrick Gym
Entries: 1/22 - 2/8 Meeting: 2/10, 10 p.m. Begins: 2/10	Entries: 2/26 - 3/13 Meeting: 3/13, 7 p.m. Play begins: 3/16	Entries: 4/1 - 4/10 Meeting: 4/10, 6 p.m. Play begins: 4/13	

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## All That Jazz

By Ed Egee  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Commencing at about 8:07 p.m.," the MWC Jazz Ensemble held its annual Fall Concert last Thursday in Dodd Auditorium. The 24 member ensemble, directed by Dr. David J. Long, continued its traditionally orthodox style in front of over 100 audience members.

The show started with a wild, upbeat gospel tune, "Operator," which featured the entire group clad in green and white choir robes and baritone sax player Luke Powell kept yelling something about "seeing the light." Tom Merrigan's piano solo, which he "made up on the spot" also added to this lively opener.

After "disrobing," the ensemble followed with a smooth Dixieland piece, "That's a Plenty," featuring solos by Thanh Kirby, Pete Clark, and John Dye. Next, they went swinging with Beach and Shutack's "Swing Can Really Hang You Up the Most." The fourth piece, a jazzed-up version of Bach's classic "The Fugue," proved Dr. Long's claim that "Bach would have been a real jazzier."

"Some Juice for Bruce," a 92 bpm (beats-per-minute) urban jazz tune, sped the tempo back up again. This tune featured three brilliant solos: sophomore Luke Powell on baritone sax as well as junior Elliot Currie and sophomore Marshall Greenburg on guitar. Their next piece, "Citation," was more brass-dominated, accompanied with a gorgeous solo by senior flutist Kris Thorsen.

The ensemble then clapped their way through their second gospel tune of the night, "The Gospel According to Miles." This tune featured the ensemble's ability to drastically change tempos even within the same piece. "Relaxin' At Em-Double-U-Cee" followed and was written by Dr. Long, who described it "just a simple little pretty tune." Solos by junior John Dye on trombone and senior Thanh Kirby on tenor sax highlighted this number.

The brassy blues piece, "Brass Roots," was next, spotlighting Holly Bryant on alto sax and Pete Clark on trumpet. Next, in their "obligatory dance tune," "Ground Dogs," Dr. Long invited couples to slow dance in the aisles. The sweet long-tone sound of the ensemble compelled three couples to accept his offer.

The group ended their one hour show by following "MWC Jazz Tradition" as they "brought out all their toys." At one point during the group's rendition of "Revenge of the Chili Pepper," the ensemble's closing number, the group banged on wood blocks, stands and on each other. One senior alto sax player even showed off a little of his juggling skills.

"We've been practicing twice a week compared to just once a week during last semester. This added practice gave us confidence and made us more prepared. This all increased our stage presence, which made for a great show...as always," boasted sophomore Tom Merrigan, the group's pianist.

The next performance of the Jazz Ensemble will be later next semester, however no date has been determined.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet



Karen Pearlman/Bullet



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**Highlights from last Thursday's Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert include, clockwise from top: Thanh Kirby juggles for the crowd; Luke Powell spices up a song with his sax; Adrain Carroll adds guitar; Kirby again, this time with a wig**



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

## Becker Graces the Colonial

By Inger Brink  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Grace Cafe Tour graced Fredericksburg with a group of three Christian musicians. Grover Levy opened for Dana Key and Margaret Becker last Thursday night at the Colonial Theatre.

Dana Key mixed humor into his performance and had the audience laughing and clapping along with his songs. Some of his lyrics included, "I don't pretend to be a prophet... I'm an ordinary Christian." Key said he grew up near Elvis Presley and was inspired by him.

Key recently published his second book "By Divine Design: A Devotional Tour with Dana Key." Using different passages from the Bible, Key makes relations to every day life.

After Key made his appearance there was a five minute video presentation of Margaret Becker touring with an organization called World Vision. Becker traveled to Africa to inspire religious teachings, and in the video she is seen holding hands with children. Through the video Becker encouraged the audience to support World Vision by making a monetary donation.

The Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan also toured with World Vision, but focused on the issues of AIDS and prostitution in Thailand and Cambodia. McLachlan's experiences while touring with World Vision led to some of the songs on her last album, "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy."

Becker's musical style could be likened to some of the more popular, mainstream musicians such as Amy Grant, but not as pop-oriented; Tori Amos, but not so alternative, and even hints in the direction of folk music with the strong acoustic-like guitar line. Becker provided a unique blend of intense lyrics and a powerful instrumental edge.

Becker not only sang lead, but also played guitar. Her lyrics were not what many people believe to be, or stereotype as "Christian" music. Her lyrics were not revised editions of "Jesus Loves Me," or "God is an Awesome God," but personal, insightful examinations of her life experiences, and the experiences of others — like the children in Africa.

The theatre was at its limit and during intermission anxious fans struggled to make it through the tightly filled hall to meet Dana Key. One member of the audience, Michael Harrison, drove from the Quantico Marine Corp Base just to see Becker. Harrison said he heard about her appearance through the radio station 90.5 JOY, and had read articles about her in several magazines. Harrison, who is stationed at Quantico for only a month, was very excited about the opportunity to see Becker perform.

The stage of the Grace Cafe Tour was set up like a cafe. Small tables surrounded the stage where radio station contest winners enjoyed a close and personal show. Becker started her performance by sitting down at one of the tables with a couple.

Although the Colonial Theatre is technically difficult to work with, the theatre is very old (like everything else in Fredericksburg), the concert was a



Courtesy Photo

**Margaret Becker was the main attraction at the Grace Cafe Tour, which hit Fredericksburg at the Colonial Theatre last Thursday. Becker performed to a packed house along with opening acts Grover Levy and Dana Key.**

technical success — stage design, lighting — it all worked very well.

Although Becker recently released her sixth album, according to one of the concert directors, it was Becker's first tour in Fredericksburg.

*\*The Bulletin is in no way endorsing The Grace Cafe Tour or World Vision. This article is merely a review of the concert and not a promotion for the Tour in any sense.*



By Rob Thormeyer and David McKim  
Bulletin Staff Psychologists

We gather together to eat crappy food...

*Editor's Note: This column is purely fictional. Any resemblance to actual family life was purely intentional...I mean unintentional. Yeah.*

1. **M\*A\*S\*Hed Potatoes:** These pop up everywhere on late night TV. My mom always hated them.

2. **Stuffing:** What this crap anyway? It's just a fancy name for bread. And its not even that fancy, its just stuff. That's all it is, stuff. My Dad always hated stuffing, but my brother used to make weird sculptures with it.

3. **Corn:** You know, corn is just too plain. We think it should be replaced by pop-corn because, well, we just think it should. Plus, when you eat corn on the cob, all the gunk and stuff gets stuck between your teeth and you have to floss for the rest of the evening while the rest of your family gets to enjoy the pumpkin pie because nobody in your family likes corn and if you didn't eat it, your mom would get upset and say "you don't love me" and your dad will say "boy, it would be in your best interest to shut up and eat the corn" and your brothers and sisters will be laughing at you because you can't eat the pumpkin pie. And then you find out you are adopted and you don't even have a family and you wonder why you are eating Thanksgiving dinner with people you don't even know.

And they say Thanksgiving unites the family.

4. **The Gravy:** Did you ever wonder what this stuff is made of? Also, why is it that Grandma's gravy is always better than Mom's, but Mom makes her's anyway because of some deep childhood scar about her mom's gravy that she

see LIZARD, page 9

## In Concert...In Concert

# UGLY

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# Senior Art Exhibit Opens In DuPont



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has not yet forgiven her for!! WHY?!!!! And you always wondered why mom is always depressed around the holidays?

5. **The beverage:** There really isn't a drink for Thanksgiving. Christmas has egg-nog, New Years has champagne, Easter has...well, the point is Thanksgiving doesn't have one and it should. Our nominations? The envelope please: Coke, Water, and Any Snapple brand Iced Tea except cranberry-milk. They just don't work together.

6. **Cranberries:** Really not that great.

7. **Cranberry Sauce:** Now we're talking.

8. **Cranberry Sausage:** Oh, I don't know.

9. **Squash:** I really don't like this stuff because it reminds me of when my older brother used to hit me with Squash and he'd say "Squash Head."

10. **The Turkey:** I always hate this part of the meal because something bad always happens. Mom pulls it

out of the oven, shows Dad and he says "What the hell is this? What happened to the nice turkey I bought yesterday which made me late for work, almost got me fired and this is how you treat it?" And Mom says "Well, you're never around anyway. I've had to raise these kids by myself because you're always drinking with Ted and your friends at the bowling alley. That's it!" And then Mom throws the turkey and Dad, which he deflects with the gravy ladle and hits Johnny. Johnny starts bleeding profusely from the temple and starts crying. Dad yells back "What are you, some kind of wus? Geez Jerry." Johnny then yells back "My name's Johnny. I hate you! You never come to my football games. You weren't even there when I was born. And you know what? I hate those stupid games anyway. I wanna direct movies! I don't wanna play football anymore." And Dad always says "I have no son." And Mom says "You have no wife either, I'm leaving!" At this point in the discussion I usually go downstairs and watch the end of the Detroit Lions game, which is much less violent. But you know, I really enjoy Thanksgiving. It's the only time my family and I can enjoy some nice quality time together.



## Alice In Chains "Grinds" Out First Album In 3 Years

### Album REVIEW

By Leigh Buckley Fountain  
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Last week the first full-length Alice In Chains album in three years hit the stores. Self-titled, it showcases the very best traits of their other albums as well as some new sounds. The album's slower tracks are reminiscent of "Sap" and faster ones a matured combination of "Facelift" and "Dirt".

Once again the theme of heroin use rears its ugly head, yet this time it seems to be in a different light. On tunes like "Over now" ("Yeah, it's over now/But I can breathe somehow," vocalist Layne Staley seems to be claiming that he has finally kicked the habit that has plagued him since the band's advent.

Just this summer the word was that the band had broken up 'for medical reasons.' Hmm. Then the "Mad Season" album came out and all of us Layne Staley fans thought that it was the last work of a dying man. Yet it was brilliant, so it sort of gave hope that he wasn't spiraling too fast.

Then word of this album came out. And it seems they have done it again. Layne rails against those that thought he was done for and apparently spread the rumors of the band's demise on the first single, 'Grind'. "You'd be well advised/Not to plan my funeral before the body



"Alice In Chains"

dies." All in all, the tone is quite aggressive, not surprisingly. Yet unlike their other albums which tended toward one extreme or the other, this one has a nice mix of dynamics. It includes both lyrically introspective songs like "Shame In You" ("I've been hurtin'./When I'm layin'/ I'm still tryin'/Concentratin' on dyin'/ You're right as rain/But you're wrong to blame/agreed my crime's the same/ My sins I'll claim") and the typically Stalian vocals packed with bitterness such as "God Am," "Dear God how have you been, then?/I'm not fine, f-- pretending/All this death you've been sending/Best throw some free heart mending".

Despite many critics panning the album (*Entertainment Weekly* claims that only "die-hard headbangers" will find this album thoroughly entertaining), it seems to me to be their best effort yet. The band has matured; hopefully, we will see them continue to grow and release more albums in the future.

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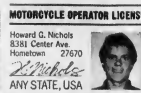
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## CRITICIZE page 3

cultural studies published in recent years.

I had assumed that Mary Washington students would be capable of listening with open minds to D'Souza's speech, and challenge his ideas with rational argumentation. I must say that this was most unfortunate because challenges were on the whole little more than poorly thought out tirades. Had any of the "protesting" students listened to a word Mr. D'Souza said, rather than turning their backs and looking at the audience, perhaps they would have found themselves agreeing with him. After all, they applauded James Farmer when he said that solutions to America's cultural malaise would have to come, in part, from within the black community's own efforts to empower itself. Yet, when Mr. D'Souza earlier said virtually the same thing in his reference to Louis Farrakhan students were quick to ignore.

Applause was reserved for epithets and outbursts, the most appalling of which came from the prepared statement of English Professor Hank Lewis and a committee of students. Among references to Mr. D'Souza as "an abomination" and other such third-grade name calling, the statement gave a rambling account of the irresponsibility of the Council on

Community Values and Behavioral Expectations, which wasted not only the time of many of the audience members, but the paid guest as well.

It strikes me as incredibly irresponsible for Professor Lewis to lambaste Mr. D'Souza in such a manner. The fliers that his committee had produced even had me wondering about D'Souza's new book, and whether or not the man had gone off his rocker and become a mindless bigot. If Professor Lewis or anyone on the committee had read the book, then they would know that Mr. D'Souza was not, in fact directly quoted in the examples on the flier. He was quoting scholars he disagreed with in his book. Mr. D'Souza was of the same opinion as anyone who read the flier!

Even had the committee not spent any effort directly examining the sources, more effort could have been put into the researching of Mr. D'Souza's opinions and studies than looking at one dishonest review of *The End of Racism*. Professor Lewis and his ilk are not contributing to a liberal arts environment, but rather detracting from it. Instead of blinding students with honest rage over a perceived bigot, so much so that students were behaving in what could only be described as the most obnoxious and disrespectful behavior,

faculty members should have encouraged free-thinking examination and, yes, thoughtful criticism of Mr. D'Souza's research and related analysis. Even D'Souza himself repeatedly asked the audience for intelligent criticism of his speech. His oft-attacked "defensiveness" only came after a series of personal attacks with no foundation in the realm of reason or logic. After all, wouldn't you be offended if everyone in an audience you were addressing started their questioning by comparing you to a South African promoter of apartheid, or some similar baseless personal attack.

For this reason, not only am I convinced that certain members of the faculty and student body behaved irresponsibly, but that Mary Washington College has a long way to go until it is truly at the forefront of the nation's elite liberal-arts institutions. I am embarrassed by the way our guest was treated, and I am embarrassed that we do not live on a campus where the concepts of free speech and intellectual freedom stand at the forefront of our academic pursuits.

*Joshua B. Nelson is a freshman intended political science major.*

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have never met Derek seem to think that he is some David Duke waiting to happen. The facts are that Derek wanted an open forum on Affirmative Action. When D'Souza agreed to come, Derek contacted the natural choice for the counter-point, James Farmer. Who better to debate Affirmative Action than a man who helped create it? Professor Farmer declined for a perfectly good and wise reason: he had not read the book and would not feel comfortable debating when he did not have all the facts. Unfortunately, some did not feel the need to extend the same courtesy to Derek.

I'm not saying that the forum could not have been better. I believe

that it would have been much better if Professor Farmer agreed to be on the panel, but what was Derek to do? The council decided that one speaker would not compromise the spirit of the forum because D'Souza was guaranteed to find opposition to his points. But now, some believe that because of his participation in the forum, Derek adheres to D'Souza's ideology. This is simply not true.

If you disagree with Derek's actions, contact the Council of Community Values and Behavioral Expectations, or join it yourself. Find out who is on the council and contact them. Call Derek if you like, he's in the directory. This is not an invitation to threaten him or call him childish

names, but if you seriously want to discuss the issues, I'm sure he'll listen.

I believe that the forum was a success. It has been the foremost (if not only) topic on campus for weeks. I myself have never seen so many people so passionately defend Affirmative Action. Unfortunately, some also attack Derek in the process, and this is wrong. If anyone disagrees with me on this, my number is in the directory as well. I'm willing to talk it over. We'll do coffee.

*Scott A. La Graize is a junior English major.*

## The Movie Game

The Bullet's answer to the crossword puzzle.

Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so: (Remember - connections that involve TV in any way do not count)

Here are this week's Movie Game matches

This one is pretty easy:  
**Matthew Broderick and Charlie Sheen**

Here's one that's a little harder:  
**Martha Plimpton and Elizabeth Perkins**

Here are last weeks answers.

**Julia Roberts and Sylvester Stallone**  
Julia Roberts - Richard Gere (Pretty Woman);  
Richard Gere - Sharon Stone (Intersection); Sharon Stone -  
Sylvester Stallone (The Specialist)

**Harrison Ford and Mary Stuart Masterson**

Harrison Ford - Tommy Lee Jones (The Fugitive); Tommy Lee Jones - Susan Sarandon (The Client); Susan Sarandon - Kevin Costner (Bull Durham); Kevin Costner - Jean Tripplehorn (Waterworld); Jean Tripplehorn - Tom Cruise (The Firm); Tom Cruise - Demi Moore (A Few Good Men); Demi Moore - Whoopi Goldberg (Ghost); Whoopi Goldberg - Drew Barrymore (Boys On The Side); Drew Barrymore - Chris O'Donnell (Mad Love); Chris O'Donnell - Al Pacino (Scent Of A Woman); Al Pacino - James Caan (Godfather II); James Caan - Kathy Bates (Misery) Kathy Bates - Mary Stuart Masterson (Fried Green Tomatoes)

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bullet at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches.

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are able to participate in areas where they typically have not.

Supporters of affirmative action believe, in part, that through exposure to and direct interaction with others from diverse backgrounds, stereotypes will be broken down. Standards will be re-created to be more inclusive, and the world will become truly more equal. D'Souza does not espouse these goals, particularly that of breaking down stereotypes. In fact, he encourages them.

For example, in his latest book *The End of Racism* and in his lecture he paints black paranoia about whites as deficiency, while in whites, he paints paranoia about blacks as rationality. To illustrate, for him, black people's concern about police brutality is borne of unreasonable stereotypes of police and "conspiratorial paranoia about racism." This despite the fact that personal experiences of many black persons and studies of the L.A. police department done by Amnesty International have substantiated "police brutality occasionally amounting to torture on a fairly regular basis." From D'Souza's perspective, black paranoia and anger at police brutality is irrational and, as ex-police chief Gates so eloquently phrased it, an "attack on everything that is good in the country...and good in the world."

On the other hand, he coins a new term in his book: rational discrimination. According to

D'Souza "black cultural pathology has contributed (this) new form of discrimination." Under this thesis, discrimination is justified when white persons stereotype black persons. So, for him, a taxi driver's decision not to pick up a black male or a white policeman's use of excessive force is, because of his "accurate group generalization" (i.e. stereotype) of the black male as criminal, rational. White racial discrimination then would also be the fault of blacks. His ironic point? What is rational for the white mind is pathological in the black mind.

We write out of concern that due to the emphasis placed upon the format of his talk, many may have missed some of the central content of what he said. D'Souza's assertion, that black stereotypes of whiteness are wrong and white stereotypes of blackness are rational, is reprehensible and outlandish. Programs like affirmative action directly combat the tenacious persistence of narrow-minded positions such as D'Souza's which claim only one proper perspective from which to view the world. Through this he feeds paranoia and stereotypes instead of breaking them down.

*Cris Gardner is a senior lecturer of anthropology. Susan Peterson is a junior international affairs and anthropology major. Kelly Regan is a junior journalism major.*

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of entertainment, but that does not mean we should be ignored by the school paper. We are varsity teams that not only represent Mary Washington College proudly, but represent it well.

Admittedly, you featured two of our runners in the Sports Briefs after they won their respective CAC Runner of the Year titles. Otherwise, though, I have not read much about the cross-country teams. I'm not expecting a dozen feature articles, but it would be nice to be acknowledged for our achievements - or our existence.

The cross-country team is rarely mentioned in Upcoming Events. A few weeks ago, I noticed that the Women's Lacrosse Halloween 5k run was given space in that column. I see nothing wrong with that, but I think you should keep in mind which teams are actually in season and write about them.

It's pretty sad when a New Jersey newspaper writes more about the MWC cross-country teams' accomplishments than the school's paper. I think my team would appreciate it if you remedied the situation.

*Krystal Fogg senior*

## Student Appreciates Cloud 9 Performance

I don't know what play Inger Brinck saw when reviewing Cloud 9 because I certainly did not find myself "lost in an abyss of confusion." In fact, I walked out of the theater still laughing from the play's bizarre depiction of sexual politics within society. The story was indeed complex, but Dr. Vasey suggested in his essay accompanying the program, the intent of the play is not to provide answers to the inter-relation of the sexual and political, but to explore the field itself. The play's job is to show that there is confusion in understanding its themes and to see the humor in trying to place them. If anything, Cloud 9 provides its audience with the opportunity to question their own ideas and to discuss them with others, which our

community could use any day.

*Jennifer Bendery senior*

## Removal Of Signs Violates Civility

The Legislative Action Committee of Mary Washington College Student Government Association, in conjunction with the Virginia Student Coalition, sponsored a voter education poster campaign for this year's election. We neither endorsed nor campaigned for any particular candidate. Our goal was to increase voter awareness of the issue of higher education funding in the state government. To accomplish this goal, we put signs around the city that read, "How does your candidate support higher education?" and reminded citizens to vote on Nov. 7.

Unfortunately, our non-partisan effort was thwarted by a particular candidate and his campaign staff on election day. Many of our signs were either knocked down or removed. In several instances, the candidate's own political signs were attached to our signs. The candidate asked no one from student government for permission and inaccurately linked his campaign with our issue-oriented message.

We feel that these actions are a violation of civility. In the future, we ask candidates and their campaign staff to respect others' right to free speech and strive to have their candidate judged on his or her own merit without feeling the need to resort to the tactics observed this week.

*Jennifer Crowley committee chairperson  
Alison Chlebus vice-chairperson  
Karl Neckel  
Renée Serena committee members*

## White Ribbon Men Commended

I want to publicly thank the men involved in the 1995 White Ribbon Week Campaign for their show of

support for ending men's violence against women. A major focus of the campaign was to encourage men to wear white ribbons as a personal pledge never to commit condone or remain silent about men's violence against women. I was excited to see that the campaign went beyond the symbolism of the white ribbon pledge and offered a number of activities to promote this pledge in tangible ways. Brochures with suggestion on what men could do to help were handed out. Opportunities to discuss the issue were offered. Most relevant to my agency and victims of sexual violence, the campaign sponsored a benefit which raised approximately \$1,000 for the local sexual assault crisis center and domestic violence shelter.

Although it is clear that he isolated act of wearing a white ribbon will not

solve the complex problems of sexual and domestic violence in our communities, the campaign offered men on campus a way to begin to talk about this issue. I commend the men involved in this campaign on their willingness to wear against violence against women during White Ribbon Week. The challenge now facing the Mary Washington College community is to continue this dialogue; it will take both the individual and collective long-term action of men and women to begin to reduce the violence directed towards women in our society.

*Kristin Littel Executive Director Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault.*



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# Food Service Changes To Suit College Budget

By Melissa Schreiber  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Since the Wood Company took over the food services at Mary Washington this year, the college community has challenged the change.

According to members of the committee that chose Wood, however, important factors led to the change, including Wood's master plan, the promise of increased cash sale commissions for the college, the approval to provide more meal plan and food options for students, and the lower request for money for Seacobeck and Eagles Nest renovations.

Senior Todd Palcic, the Senate President from last year and a member of the committee that chose Wood said, "Wood clearly displayed its ability to market the latest in college food. They showed they were innovative, inexpensive, and much more willing to divulge in financial and other information with the college. Wood was willing to team up with Mary Washington while the other entities weren't."

There have been a few problems with the new food service. Students have questioned many of the new changes and lack of changes made by Wood. Students wondered why it took so long to get beer in the Eagle's Nest and if there would be a 196th night. Beer finally arrived in the Eagle's Nest at the end of October.

"That was planned all along. They had to apply for a liquor license. There are a whole bunch of rules and regulations before you can have a liquor license," said Carolyn Taylor, another member of the committee and the director of Auxiliary services.

Students also wondered what happened to Taco Bell that was supposed to be in the Eagle's Nest. After a number of student surveys from last year, Taco Bell came up as the number one choice of fast foods among students. When Wood got the contract from Mary Washington they negotiated with Taco Bell to provide their services to the college but the Taco Bell corporation would not grant their services to Wood. The corporation thought that putting at Taco Bell on campus would hurt the business of the Taco Bell on Route 1.

According to Tyra Draper, the express sales manager and purchasing director from Taco Bell, "They felt that because of the geographic location of the other Taco Bell it would not prove wise."

One service that has not yet been provided by Wood is the pizza delivery system. According to Taylor the Eagle's Nest is getting ready to start this service and advertising will be around campus soon to explain it.

Another complaint made by students is the limitation of a 15-meal plan. It was decided to have the maximum of a 15-meal option due to a student poll that suggested that students only ate an average of 12.3 meals a week. According to Dick Miller, the vice-president of business

and finance, the college will change to a 21-meal plan option next semester.

"It will be the same rate as the 15 meal plan, plus \$100, \$1,115 to \$1,215," said Miller.

There have been many changes to the food service at the college and many more are planned in the future. This is one of the things that the committee liked about Wood.

"They were willing to make changes that would impact the whole progress, not just make beautification changes just for appearance," said committee member Erma Baker, the material management director in purchasing.

The ARAMark company which lost the food service bid after holding the contract for 18 years, was the first and only food service used by the college until this academic year, when the Wood Company won the contract.

"They've been here as long as we've had a management company do it [food services]. The first contract was in 1977. They've been here the whole time which is pretty amazing and unusual in this business," said Carolyn Taylor, the director of auxiliary services.

The college asked vendors to submit offers and from this two bids came in — ARAMark, the previous food service, and Wood, the service that was eventually chosen.

"We asked vendors for a master plan so that they would come in and creatively look at Mary Washington College and come up with suggestions," said Erma Baker, the material management director in purchasing and a member of the committee that chose the new food service.

The six-member committee consisted of Baker, Taylor, Palcic, Conrad Warlick, the senior vice-president for administrative and student services, Mary Podlesny, the budget director, and Elaine Kenuak, last year's resident director from Madison Hall.

Together this committee spent hours listening to presentations, taking the vendors on tours, and negotiating over the company's offers. They started the process in September of last year and the contract was signed on June 10. According to Palcic, the three main things that they looked at were the quality of improvement, the finances, and the quality of food. They also took a trip to St. Mary's College in Maryland, a college that uses the Wood Company. Together the committee rated the two food services on a point scale.

"Every member of the committee issued an assessment on a point scale. We issued points on each category for the bid, then totaled all of our totals and averaged the scores. That's how we got our bid," said Palcic.

The scores were worked out by the Purchasing Office and the totals resulted in the decision to choose Wood as the new food company. The committee agreed that Wood's plan was more efficient.

"I think that everybody would agree that one of the big factors was their master plan. There was strong stuff in their proposal," said Taylor.

According to Baker the committee was very impressed with how Wood addressed a detailed assessment of the latest needs of the college.

"They didn't assume things were at the acceptable level. They listened to the needs of the college and the voice of the students," said Baker.

The finances of both of the companies were a big factor in deciding which service to choose.

According to Baker, the Wood bid proposed \$300,000 worth of renovations to Seacobeck and the Eagle's Nest, while ARAMark proposed an estimated \$450,000 worth of renovations.

The committee looked at the relevance of the renovations, and according to Palcic, Wood's renovations were more appealing.

Renovations have already been completed in the Eagle's Nest totaling \$166,784. Complete renovations in Seacobeck will take place over winter break including electrical upgrading to be ready for the spring semester. These renovations will cost around \$125,000. The rest of the costs went towards new signs around the food areas and the development of the new access system which includes the computerized system involving the Eagle One card.

"Anytime you have a contract that big you need renovations in order to keep the operation going," said Taylor.

The Wood company also proposed the opportunity for the college to collect increased commissions on case sales. Cash sales include the money made off of the college's catering service, flex dollars, and cash earnings at the Eagle's Nest and Seacobeck. Wood stated in their



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**Matthew Cook dishes up lunch in Seacobeck Dining Hall, which is undergoing \$300,000 worth of renovations this Winter Break.**

contract an estimated commission for the college totaling \$61,140 for this school year. According to Baker, the college makes 15 percent commission on the cash sales and 5 percent commission on name brand sales.

"That's sort of like rent. They're using our space and they pay rent on our space," said Taylor.

Palcic hopes that cash sales will increase due to the extended hours in the Eagle's Nest. The Wood company made the decision at the college's request to keep the Eagle's Nest open for extended hours on weekends. ARAMark thought that would be too costly and they didn't want students to have to work on weekends. Palcic also thought opening the Eagle's Nest on the weekends would be a great benefit to students looking at the college, the college community and the Wood company.

The committee believes things are starting to run smoothly. "I don't regret this decision at all," said Palcic.

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You do everything for the person to feel safe in their building," Beck said.

Beck said that the behavioral guidelines are pretty standard, but vary for each case, depending on if the people live in the same dorm and what they would like to be implemented. The guidelines are based on the sexual assault policy in the student handbook and the revised sexual harassment policy. Beck was unable to comment on the guidelines drawn up for this particular case.

Trus however, said that he received a letter from Beck stating that he and the alleged victim are not allowed to be in the same section of the same class or in the same

dining area at the same time, or to have verbal or written contact, or to go into each other's residence halls.

Coincidentally, an outreach program on resources available to sexual assault victims, sponsored by Psychological Services, was held recently in Willard Hall, where Trus lives. According to Ward, the program was planned two weeks before the arrest occurred, and was in no way related to the alleged incident.

Trus was contacted about the program, and, after consulting people at Psychological Services, he decided to attend, according to Staff Psychologist Barbara Wagar. The program focused on resources available to sexual

assault victims and how to support a friend who has been a victim. No questions were focused directly on the incident, she said.

Although Trus did not take an active part in the program, he did speak with Wagar about the case after the program, she acknowledged.

Wagar said that a sexual assault is a stressful situation for both the alleged victim and the alleged perpetrator. "They certainly are going to have emotional reactions. Guilt or innocence just is not relevant," she said.

Gilham wrote that he thought both Trus and the alleged victim were experiencing emotional trauma.

"I feel sorry for both parties, because aside from honesty, guilt, and innocence, they're both suffering with the aftermath," he wrote.

Wagar has read studies that have said that false reports of sexual assault are rare.

"But that certainly doesn't mean it's not a problem, that it doesn't happen," she said.

As of now, Trus said he feels mostly disappointment. Before this incident, he feels that he was overly-trusting — he believed that if he did good things, everything would be O.K. His outlook now is more cynical, he says.

"I still trust people, but I'm kind of wary."

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helps prepare black students from area public schools for college. That program, which in the past relied partly on outside funding, now operates on a \$15,406 budget provided by MWC.

College spokesman Singleton said that one problem with the school taking on the tribute to Farmer was that it would conflict with another area fundraiser, the Fredericksburg Campaign, which the MWC Foundation started last January. That campaign, he said, has already raised \$100,000, some of which could help fund the

Farmer Scholars Program.

Anderson said that he had been given the impression by the committee that the Fredericksburg Area Community Organization was sponsoring the event.

However, Forrest Parker, director of the MWC Multicultural Center and president of FACRO, said that the organization couldn't sponsor a fund-raiser of that nature due to restrictions in its tax-exempt status.

"We never said that [FACRO] was a vehicle for subsidizing programs in the area," Parker said. "The

question is should it be the community or the college responsible for raising money for the James Farmer Scholars. Ideally it should be both."

Regardless of who sponsors the event, Anderson said that a tribute of the magnitude described by the ad hoc committee would need extensive planning and would need to be organized nine or ten months in advance.

"I didn't get the sense that [the committee] were that far ahead," he said.

Anderson refused to say if the college would sponsor

or endorse a tribute, although he did say that if the school decided to take on sponsorship of the event the earliest it could take place would be fall of 1996.

McCall said that she hadn't given up on the idea of a tribute to Farmer.

"I hope the college will make every effort to honor this very special person we have on campus," she said. "This is a man who made American history. I certainly hope we celebrate him."




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